



# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



### Greetings,

Winter months mean Snowsnake season. The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum has recently finished a four-part snowsnake making class taught by Mike Crouse. It is great to see us keeping our traditions alive and especially exciting to see the engagement of our male youth. The CCC is hosting its yearly Snowsnake Tournament the weekend of Feb 15-16. Allegany will be hosting the 2nd Annual Morrie Abrams Snowsnake Tournament on Feb 22-23. Unpredictable weather changes may affect these events, so stay tuned to WGWE, [sninews.org](https://sninews.org), or Seneca

Media's Facebook page for the latest updates. I remain hopeful for favorable weather so our men and boys may enjoy this centuries-old tradition.



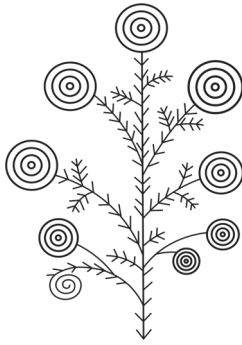
It was a sad occasion when I made the decision to close our Allegany cemeteries from dusk until dawn, and not one that I took lightly. There have been numerous complaints to my office that our cemeteries were becoming unsightly, much of it from litter left by visitors during the night as well as reports of illicit activities that were being conducted on those premises. I hold that our family member's final resting places should be held in high regard as one of the upmost sacred places and should be cared for. Surely, if you need access to the

cemeteries after closing, our office will make every accommodation to meet your needs.

I am pleased to report on February 4, 2020, the Nation was notified that Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney had approved the acquisition of land located in the City of Buffalo into "restricted fee" pursuant to the Seneca Settlement Act of 1990. This allows the Seneca Nation to purchase property within our aboriginal territory, and to add the property to the Nation's recognized territories. In effect, this acquisition increases the Nation's Buffalo Creek Territory by an additional 1.08 acres. The Seneca Nation intends to utilize the property for the development of a Seneca One Stop tailored to the specifications of the Niagara Falls location. This will make the Seneca Nation's 5th successful retail division.

In closing, I am hopeful that you are well. Take time to care for your children, elders, and yourselves during this unrelenting FLU season.

Respectfully,  
Rickey L. Armstrong,  
Sr.



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Treasurer Matthew Pagels

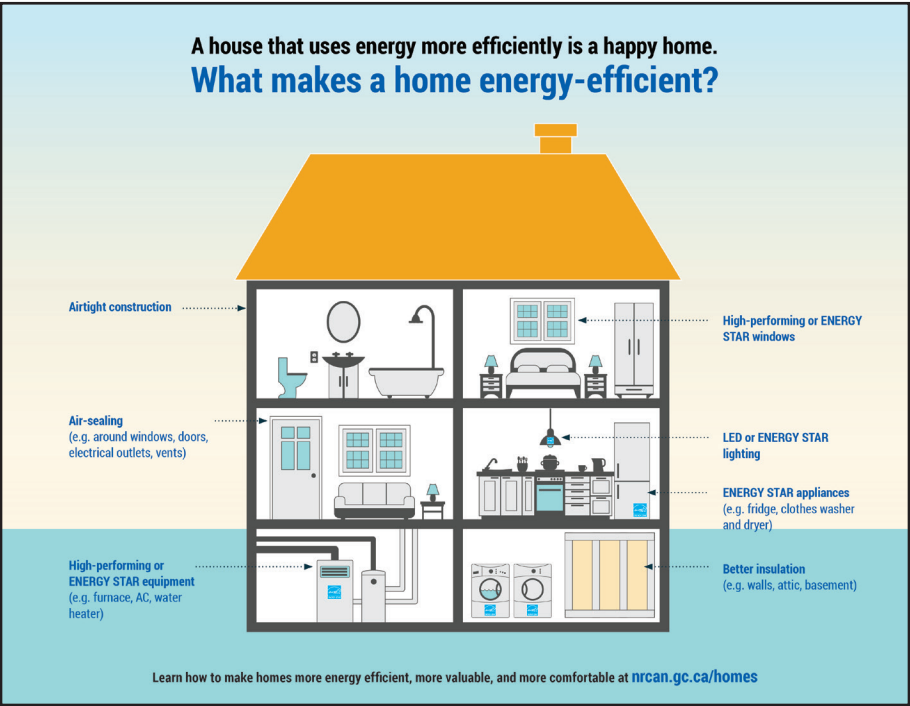
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We’ve been fortunate to have a moderately mild winter to date. Although most of us are enjoying having an easy winter, it’s not so great for the environment.

At the Cattaraugus community meeting, the topic of global warming and climate change was discussed. Global warming is the long term heating of the earth’s atmosphere primarily due to human activities such as burning of fossil fuels, also known as

the greenhouse effect. Climate change influences the long term weather patterns affected by global warming which includes changes in ocean temperatures, melting of the polar icecaps, and more severe weather storms.

Everyone can make a difference in healing the planet. It starts in your home and community. Begin by speaking to family and friends about making good choices around your home. Power your home with renewable energy when possible such as with wind or solar. Weatherize your home by insulating and sealing, this creates better heating and cooling systems to use less energy. Using energy–efficient appliances reduces carbon dioxide pollution out in the air. Carbon emissions are a leading cause of greenhouse gases. Appliances with an energy star label are most efficient.



Reducing water waste is another way to reduce carbon pollution. Anything that uses energy to heat, pump, or treat your water creates carbon. Just turning off the water while brushing your teeth or taking shorter showers can make a difference. Other quick changes also help, such as buying LED light bulbs and unplugging devices when not in use. This is referred to as idle load using energy unnecessarily. Also, a significant amount of food waste ends up in landfills, a large producer of methane and carbon dioxide emissions.

The Nation is taking steps to improve some areas of energy efficiencies. The One Stops are reviewing their 30 year old tank

systems comparing to two walled barrier tanks (interstitial space) with spill detecting monitors. The Environmental Department is working on numerous initiatives to help with waste management, recycling, and possible pesticide ordinance revisions. As always, the Energy Department continues to discuss options for renewable energy on a larger scale.

I’m hopeful we will all do our part to preserve our environment, every action helps!

On another note, the Area Office of the Aging (AOA) and Executives/Council will announce a contest for a vehicle design wrap for the new AOA buses. The contest announcement will have a full description and details in the February 28th newsletter.

5 WAYS WE CAN  
**SAVE ENERGY**  
EVERYDAY

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**WATER**

Save energy by lowering the temperature setting on your water heater, and using low-flow showerheads and faucets.

**APPLIANCES**

Look for the Energy Star logo when buying new appliances and electronics. Energy Star certified products save energy without sacrificing features or functionality.

**LIGHTING**

Switch to energy saving LED lights. Basic LED bulbs use 75% less energy than traditional bulbs. Also- remember to turn off the lights whenever you leave a room.

**ELECTRONICS**

Plug electronics into power strips with On/Off switches, and turn them off when you leave the house or office. Reducing phantom loads can save up to \$100 a year.

**VENTS**

Make sure that all vents are clean and clear of obstructions to allow for proper air circulation.

**START SMALL**

The little things make a difference!





Bethany Johnson, Clerk  
ALLEGANY TERRITORY



Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk  
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

We are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, as well as the second Saturday of every month from 8am-12pm on both territories.

The Buffalo Clerk’s Office is located at:  
533 Amherst Street  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
(716)951-7555  
8am-4:30pm

ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS

IT’S A NEW YEAR!! STOP INTO THE OFFICE TO DO YOUR ANNUAL REGISTRATION. Members can complete their annual registrations anytime during the calendar year (January - December).

Local home visits are available for the elderly and disabled, that need to have their forms completed, please call for more information.

The Buffalo Clerk’s Office is available in Niagara Falls on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 9:30am-1:30pm for Annual Registrations. The location is:

Seneca Office Building – 2nd Floor  
310 Fourth Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

The Buffalo Office will extend their office hours and be open until 8:30 p.m. to accept Registrations on the following dates:

- February 19, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- April 15, 2020
- May 20, 2020

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS

If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org) under Documents/Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.

- All direct deposit forms MUST have a voided check or deposit slip attached (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

ADDRESSES UPDATED

Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders). Also, your address needs to coincide

with the information on your annual registration.

Be aware that, an address change only with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) does not update your address with the Nation.

RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND

In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following documentation:

- Application for Release of Minors Trust
- High School Diploma / GED
- Financial Literacy Certificate

If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact the Seneca Nation Education Department for details.

SEEKING ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE COUNCIL

We are currently seeking organizations to serve Council through the 2020 calendar year, please contact Ashley Warrior in the Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office 532-4900 ext. 5038 or Adrienne Cook in the Allegany Clerk’s Office 945-1790 ext. 3036

NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THE ALLEGANY TERRITORY-SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M.

Community Meeting

February 24th, 2020  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

All Seneca Nation enrolled members are invited to the Seneca Nation Buffalo Office for community meeting with President Armstrong and council.  
We encourage everyone to attend to discuss the concerns/needs of all our off-territory community members.

Seneca Nation Buffalo Office  
533 Amherst St. Buffalo NY 14207  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (716)845-6304

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# Salamanca enters HGTV’s “Home Town Takeover”

By Tami Watt, Editor



Salamanca, NY is the only city in the United States that sits on sovereign Indigenous territory known as the Allegany Indian Reservation which belongs to the Seneca Nation.

The Seneca Nation and city of Salamanca have teamed up to enter HGTV’s “Home Town Takeover.” The Seneca Media and Communications Center produced a three minute video detailing why Salamanca is the perfect contestant for a “takeover.” Days of a bustling railroad city are gone with dilapidated buildings and empty store fronts lining Main St.

“Salamanca’s unique, five thousand people, we’re the poorest city in New York state but you do a helmet drive or somebody needs help, everybody is there,” says Mayor Michael Smith.

“It would be amazing to see kids walking up and down Main Street, having stuff going on for them, a place where they could be, activities, and being a part of something,” Michala Redeye said.

Full of rich history and culture, Salamanca meets the requirements

of a population less than 40,000, has buildings with architecture in need of a face-lift, and a Main Street that needs remodeling. If chosen, the series would run a six episode special event next year in 2021. The “takeover” would include rehabbing homes plus the revitalization of public spaces such as parks, local diners, restaurants, and outdoor recreation.

“Salamanca is beautiful city with a rich historical and architectural past. If we can revitalize downtown, stabilize the architecture, we could help bring that memory and history back again,” says Jare Cardinal.





## Gardening Series



### February

Workshop	Date	Time	Location
Soil Fertility, Health, Testing & Amendments	2/5	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Soil-Fertility, Health, Testing & Amendments	2/12	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum
Seed Selection/Grow Plan	2/19	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Seed Selection/Grow Plan	2/26	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum

### March

Workshop	Date	Time	Location
Seed Starting	3/4	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Seed Starting	3/11	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum
Container Gardening & Raised Bed Gardening	3/18	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Container Gardening & Raised Bed Gardening	3/25	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum

### April

Workshop	Date	Time	Location
Feeding your Crops, Part 1	4/1	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Feeding your Crops, Part 1	4/8	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum
Maintaining your Crops, Part 1	4/15	5:30-7:00pm	Wellness Center Grand Room
Maintaining your Crops, Part 1	4/22	5:30-7:00pm	Allegany Museum

Maximum Class Size: 20 people

Call to reserve a spot



For more info contact:

Gerry Fisher- Cattaraugus at 801-5169

Gordon Brown-Allegany at 261-8887



## Maple Weekend & Pancake Breakfast

**March 21 and 22, 2020**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**  
Sully Huff Heritage Center  
12857 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081

**Pancake Breakfast - March 21st and 22nd**  
9:00am till Sold Out

*Breakfast includes Pancakes, Bison Breakfast Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Juice/Coffee*

See live sap-boiling with a traditional wood fire evaporator at the Sugar Shack. Maple-themed activities for all throughout the weekend.



For more information contact:  
Michael Snyder 716-801-0116 or Gerry Fisher 716-801-5169



visit us on-line  
@sninews.org



## Broadband Survey

The Seneca Nation is evaluating the current residential internet service on the Cattaraugus Territory. Please help us by completing this survey so we can explore opportunities to improve your service and options.

<https://arcg.is/jy1SD>



Hard copy surveys are available at the Cattaraugus Community Planning and Development Department, WSB 2nd Floor, Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office, Cattaraugus Library, Cattaraugus Wellness Center and the Cattaraugus Area Office of the Aging.

## Training and Employment Resource Center (T.E.R.C.) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program

If you or a family member have a documented disability or think you may benefit from getting a diagnosis in order to obtain employment, the Vocational Rehabilitation program would like to invite you to come to the Buffalo Native Resource Center and meet with our Intake Specialist and VR Counselor to learn more.

**Feb 25th. 10am - 2 pm**  
**March 24 th. 10am - 2 pm**  
**April 21st. 10am - 2 pm**  
**May 19th. 10am - 2 pm**

**Call 716- 845-6304 for appointments while they are here.**

You will need to bring any documentation you have from your medical provider and 3 forms of ID including a proof of address. RSVP to 531-1033 or 845-6304.

We will be at the BNRC: 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207 on the following Tuesdays:

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

No drugs/alcohol use/possession is prohibited at the Seneca Nation cemeteries. Gates will be locked at dusk and opened at dawn due to increased safety



concerns in addition to increased Marshal's patrols.



### ONÖHSAGWË:DE' CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS... 1ST ANNUAL YOUTH ART SHOW

MARCH 28TH, 2020 | 10AM - 5PM | 82 WEST HETZEL ST, SALAMANCA NY 14779

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH, THE ONÖHSAGWË:DE' CULTURAL CENTER IS HOLDING ITS 1ST ANNUAL YOUTH ART SHOW

CATEGORY I - PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, COLLAGE AND MIXED MEDIA

CATEGORY II - BASKETRY

CATEGORY III - BEADWORK

CATEGORY IV - TRADITIONAL ARTS

CATEGORY V - PHOTOGRAPHY, COMPUTER GENERATED ART (PRINT ONLY, NO VIDEO ENTRIES)

10AM - EVENT OPEN

12PM - RECEPTION/LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESIDE IN THESE COMMUNITIES TO APPLY. THE PURPOSE IS TO GIVE EMERGING YOUNG HODINÖHSÖ:NI' ARTISTS A PROFESSIONAL VENUE TO SHOW THEIR WORK. CALL 716-945-1760 FOR MORE INFORMATION

SENECA IROQUOIS SENECAMUSEUM.ORG FACEBOOK.COM/SENECAMUSEUM @SENECAIROQUOISNATIONALMUSEUM

## Training and Employment Resource Center: Professional Closet

*Submitted by Sharon Patterson*

The Training and Employment Resource Center is looking for gently used or new clothes for our “Professional Closet”. We are asking that any clothes you bring in are on hangers, are clean and ready to go. Bags of clothes will not be accepted. No more than 12 items at a time. The Professional Closet will be ready by February 17th and is for participants of our program entering the workforce. This will ensure they are properly dressed for their new job at no expense to them. We will accept any donations of: deodorant, new t-shirts (all sizes) and new socks.

Drop off donations at the Cattaraugus Office: 23 Thomas Indian School Drive, behind AOA and BHU, the yellow double wide. 532-1033





# Need to order military records?

To order military records, please follow the instructions and mail in to the appropriate records center. Forms can be found at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

If you need assistance please call or stop in to the Seneca Nation Veterans Department located on Cattaraugus Territory, 82 Iroquois Drive Irving, NY 14081. Allegany Veterans please call extension 5536 to set up an appointment, we will meet with you in Allegany.

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

**1. General Information.** The Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180) is used to request information from military records. Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF 180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available". Include as much of the requested information as you can. Incomplete information may delay response time. To determine where to mail this request see Page 2 of the SF180 for record locations and facility addresses.

Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next-of-kin using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

**2. Personnel Records/Military Human Resource Records/Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and Medical Records/Service Treatment Records (STR).** Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **LESS THAN 62 YEARS AGO** and medical records are in the legal custody of the military service department and are administered in accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, Coast Guard). STRs of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic. After the last day of active duty, STRs should be requested from the appropriate address on page 2 of the SF 180. (See item 3, Archival Records, if the military member was discharged, retired or died in service more than 62 years ago.)

a. **Release of information:** Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. The authorization signature of the service member or the member's legal guardian is needed in Section III of the SF180. Others requesting information from military personnel records and/or STRs must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or legal guardian. If the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, the surviving next-of-kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the general public. The next-of-kin may be any of the following: unmarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Requesters **MUST** provide proof of death, such as a copy of a death certificate, newspaper article (obituary) or death notice, coroner's report of death, funeral director's signed statement of death, or verdict of coroner's jury.

b. **Fees for records:** There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next-of-kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances, service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will receive an invoice with your records.

**3. Archival Records.** Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **62 OR MORE YEARS AGO** have been transferred to the legal custody of NARA and are referred to as "archival records".

a. **Release of Information:** Archival records are open to the public. The Privacy Act of 1974 does not apply to archival records, therefore, written authorization from the veteran or next-of-kin is not required. In order to protect the privacy of the veteran, his/her family, and third parties named in the records, the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6)) may still apply and may preclude the release of some information.

b. **Fees for Archival Records:** Access to archival records are granted by offering copies of the records for a fee (44 U.S.C. 2116 (c)). If a fee applies to the photocopies of documents in the requested record, you will receive an invoice. Photocopies will be sent after payment is made. For more information see <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/ompf-archival-requests.html>.

**4. Where reply may be sent.** The reply may be sent to the service member or any other address designated by the service member or other authorized requester. If the designated address is NOT registered to the addressee by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), provide BOTH the addressee's name AND "in care of" (c/o) the name of the person to whom the address is registered on the NAME line in Section III, item 3, on page 1 of the SF 180. The COMPLETE address must be provided, INCLUDING any apartment/suite/unit/lot/space/etc. number.

**5. Definitions and abbreviations.** DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; SERVICE TREATMENT RECORD (STR) -- The chronology of medical, mental health, and dental care received by service members during the course of their military career (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL -- Temporary Disability Retired List.

**6. Service completed before World War I.** National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from [inquire@nara.gov](mailto:inquire@nara.gov) or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

**PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is NOT provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then retained as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT**

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per request, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (ISSD), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.** SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.

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REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Requests from veterans or deceased veteran's next-of-kin may be submitted online by using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle)

2. SOCIAL SECURITY #

3. DATE OF BIRTH

4. PLACE OF BIRTH

5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)

	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")
a. ACTIVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. RESERVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. STATE NATIONAL GUARD	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? ☐ NO ☐ YES - *MUST provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased:*

7. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE? ☐ NO ☐ YES

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:

☐ DD Form 214 or equivalent. Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran:  
This form contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next-of-kin, or other persons or organizations, if authorized in Section III, below. An UNDELETED DD214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits. If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost. An UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box: ☐ I want a DELETED copy.

☐ Medical Records includes Service Treatment Records, Health (outpatient) and Dental Records. IF HOSPITALIZED (inpatient) the FACILITY NAME and DATE (month and year) for EACH admission MUST be provided:

☐ Other (Specify):

2. PURPOSE: (Providing information about the purpose of the request is strictly voluntary; however, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.)

☐ Benefits (explain) ☐ Employment ☐ VA Loan Programs ☐ Medical ☐ Genealogy ☐ Correction ☐ Personal ☐ Other (explain)

Explain here:

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. REQUESTER NAME:

☐ I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section I, above.

☐ I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT-OF-KIN (MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 2a on instruction sheet.)

*(Relationship to deceased veteran)*

☐ I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN (MUST submit copy of Court Appointment) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney)

☐ OTHER

*(Specify type of Other)*

3. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:

*(Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)*

Name

Street

Apt.

City

State

Zip Code

\* This form is available at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site. \*

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The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.			
BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2004 – 12/31/2013	1	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	1	13
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1	
	Reserve, IRR, Retired Reserve in non-pay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	2	13
COAST GUARD	Discharge, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 4/1/1998 – 9/30/2006	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2013	3	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2013	3	14
	Active, Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve or TDRL	3	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1895	6	
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1999 – 12/31/2013	4	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	4	8
	Individual Ready Reserve	5	
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6	
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/16/1992 – 9/30/2002	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) 10/1/2002 – 12/31/2013	7	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) on or after 1/1/2014	7	9
	Current Soldier (Active, Reserve (including Individual Ready Reserve) or National Guard)	7	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1995 – 12/31/2013	10	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	10	8
	Active, Reserve, or TDRL	10	
	Public Health Service – Commissioned Corps officers only	12	
ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS AND SELF-SERVICE WEBSITES (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form			
1	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/PSIRF 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	6	National Archives & Records Administration Research Services (RDT1R) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20408-0001
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center Records Management Branch (DPTSC) 18420 E. Silver Creek Avenue Building 390 MS 68 Buckley AFB, CO 80011	7	US Army Human Resources Command's web page: <a href="https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Accessing%20hr%20Resources%20Year%20to%20Date%20Military%20Personnel%20File%20Documents">https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Accessing%20hr%20Resources%20Year%20to%20Date%20Military%20Personnel%20File%20Documents</a> or 1-888-ARMYHRC (1-888-276-9472)
3	Commander, Personnel Service Center (BOPS-C-MR) MS7200 US Coast Guard 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20593-7200 <a href="mailto:MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil">MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil</a>	8	Navy Medicine Records Activity (NMRA) BUMED Detachment St. Louis 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, Building 103 St. Louis, MO 63120
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower Management Records & Performance (NMMP-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	9	AMEDD Record Processing Center 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217
5	Marine Forces Reserve 2000 Opelousas Avenue New Orleans, LA 70146-5400	10	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-313) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3120
		11	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center ATTN: Release of Information P.O. Box 5029 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020
		12	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852
		13	AF STR Processing Center ATTN: Release of Information 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217
		14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002  eVetRecs: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/</a>

SENECA-IROQUOIS  
NATIONAL MUSEUM

The Native Iron Workers made reality happen. They left their families and homelands to build other peoples dreams. The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum is looking for donations and loans that will enhance our Iron workers exhibit. So we are calling out to all Iron workers and families for memorabilia to be displayed in the exhibit.



SENECA IROQUOIS  
NATIONAL MUSEUM

CONTACT : JENNIFER JIMERSON  
(716) 945-1760  
OR BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MUSEUM

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visit us on-line  
@sninews.org







## Attention Elders/ Disabled Medicare Beneficiaries

The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) can assist people with limited incomes in paying for their Medicare Part B premiums. You may be eligible if your monthly income is less than \$1426.00/single or \$1923.00/married. Please contact Gail Kennedy, Seneca Nation AOA HIICAP Counselor at 945-8991. She will be pleased to assist you.

### CLOSED!

Starting January 18th, 2020, the Steamburg Community Center is closed on weekends until further notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

## New rental fees for the SAAB Grand Hall

Kitchen & Patio will be in effect  
January 1, 2020:  
\$50.00 Reservation Fee –  
Refundable if checklist for post event  
clean up is satisfactorily met  
\$50.00 Rental Fee

## Family Photograph Opportunity!

The Seneca Iroquois National Museum is expanding the “On the Mother’s Side” clan exhibit. If you would like for your family to be photographed and included, please call to set up an appointment. Please call Jennifer Jimerson at 716-945-1760.

**\*You may also submit your own 8x10 portraits for display**

## Pre-K is peddling for pop cans!

SALC's Pre-K classrooms have their eyes on shiny new set of wheels!

The Pre-K students will be working to collect cans for their very first ‘can drive’. The earnings will go towards a new bike for the gym that the classrooms all voted on!

Please help our tiny recyclers learn the meaning of recycling and help them to hit their goal!

Please use the can drop off location at the front entrance of the Seneca Arts & Learning Center, 25 Center St., Salamanca, NY 14779.

## Seneca Nation Area Office for Aging

The SN AOA participates with NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care. The purpose of the NY Connects Program is to provide consistent, locally based information and assistance on long term services and supports (LTSS) to individuals, caregivers and families to help them make informed choices and assistance in accessing such services and supports. Additionally, the NY Connects: No Wrong Door network offers consistent comprehensive information, assistance and coordinated guidance to available public benefit options, as appropriate, regardless of age, disability or payor source. It is an optional, voluntary service provided to the public to create seamless coordination across systems and populations seeking LTSS and provide easier access and understanding. The SN AOA NY Connects/Options Counselor is Gail Kennedy and she may be contacted at (716) 945-8991. She would be pleased to offer information and assistance.

## Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center Winter Hours

Sunday: CLOSED  
Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Thursday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

## Social Security Assistance

*Cattaraugus Territory*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Representative Jessica Gansworth, SSA will be available on the following dates:

**February 25, 2020**  
**March 31, 2020**  
**April 28, 2020**  
**May 19, 2020**  
**9am-4pm**

at the Supportive Services Bldg.  
210 Thomas Indian School Drive Extension  
Irving, NY 14081

To file a claim for SSI/SSDI or Retirement, ask questions, fill out forms, hand in paperwork or sign up for a new card  
**APPOINTMENTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

\*\*\*This schedule is subject to change\*\*\*

Phone: 716-532-4900, ext. 5152 or 5151  
Or email: leanna.leroy@sni.org  
ashley.kennedy@sni.org

## Need help getting your High School Equivalency Diploma?

Come to the Training & Employment Resource Center at 3674 Administration Dr. Salamanca, NY. We can help!

- We can help you obtain your HSED
- Provide various readiness workshops
- Resume writing, customer service, working with difficult people, interview skills, appearance & attire, soft skills
- Need transportation? We can assist with that as well!

**Call Tari @ 716-945-8120 ext. 3058 or 716-801-3332**

## Seneca Iroquois National Museum seeking memorabilia involving “Seneca People in Protest”

Our staff is collecting material for a future exhibit. If you have any photos, news articles, videos or any other memorabilia you would like to share, please bring them by to be part of our new exhibit.

We accept copies and can also scan materials as they are brought in for your convenience. If you simply have a story to tell, we are happy to audio record your experience.

**Please contact Jennifer Jimerson for more information @ (716)945-1760 ext.7853 or j.jimerson@sni.org**

## SALC Spring Bazaar

**Saturday, March 28th  
10am-3pm**

ALL CRAFT VENDORS WANTED!  
\$25.00 TABLE DONATION FEE  
Applications due no later than March 13th

SALC STAFF WILL HOST THE FOOD CONCESSIONS  
\*No Hot Food Sales Will Be Approved\*  
\* We Have The Right To Refuse Any Applications\*  
Vendors will be able to set up between 8-10 AM

ALL INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:  
CONNIE ARENA OR RENEE HOAG at 716-945-5035



February 2018

Eco-Healthy Child Care® Checklist

30 easy-to-follow steps that will immediately benefit the health and well-being of the children in your care.

Follow these instructions to get started on creating a healthier environment!  
View EHCC's Fact Sheets to learn why these best practices will reduce environmental health hazards in your facility: [www.cehn.org/ehcc/factsheets](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/factsheets)

1.

Answer all 30 questions on the checklist.

2.

Comply with at least 24 of 30 items, including #1, #6 and #11, which are required.

3.

If you can't answer "true" to 24 items, take steps to make improvements. Visit [www.cehn.org/ehcc](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc) for tips and tools.

4.

Fill out all parts of the Endorsement Form, and obtain both required signatures.

5.

Send the completed checklist and \$25/\$50 payment to the address indicated.

TRUE

FALSE

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12.

Our building was built after 1978 OR 1) We maintain our facility to minimize lead hazards AND 2) We follow the Federal requirements in EPA's Renovate Right brochure before painting, remodeling, renovating, or making repairs that disturb paint.\*

13.

To avoid possible lead exposure, we do not use imported, old or handmade pottery to cook, store or serve food or drinks.

14.

To reduce possible exposure to lead-contaminated dirt, we supply a rough mat at the entrance of our facility and encourage the wiping of shoes before entering — or — we are a shoe-free facility.

15.

We screen our toys for lead by searching [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

16.

Mercury

16.

We do not use any mercury-containing thermometers or thermostats. Instead we use digital options.

17.

We securely store all used batteries and fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs; we then recycle them at a hazardous waste facility. Visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to find locations

18.

Furniture and Carpets

18.

To avoid possible exposure to flame retardants, we ensure furniture is in good condition without foam or inside stuffing exposed. Stuffed animals, carpet padding, nap mats, pillows, and other foam items are also intact.

19.

Furniture is made of solid wood or low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) products, with few items made of particleboard. When purchasing furniture or renovating, we choose either solid wood (new or used) or products that have low VOCs.

20.

We do not have permanently installed carpeting where children are present.\*

21.

Area rugs are vacuumed daily and cleaned at least twice a year and as needed using fragrance-free, 3rd party certified ([www.ecologo.org](http://www.ecologo.org), [www.epa.gov/saferchoice](http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice), OR [www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)) cleaners.

22.

Art Supplies

22.

We use only non-toxic art supplies approved by the Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI). Look for ACMI non-toxic seal 'AP' at [www.acmiart.org](http://www.acmiart.org).

23.

Plastics and Plastic Toys

23.

We avoid products made out of PVC (such as: soft vinyl dolls, beach balls, and "rubber ducky" chew toys). We use only those products labeled "PVC-free" or "phthalate-free".

24.

When using a microwave, we never heat children's food in plastic containers, plastic wrap or plastic bags.

25.

When choosing baby bottles, sippy cups or drinking cups, we only use safer alternatives: products made of glass, covered with a silicone sleeve (a silicone bottle jacket to prevent breakage), OR those made with safer plastics such as polypropylene or polyethylene. We encourage the families we serve to purchase and provide the same.\*

26.

Treated Playground Equipment

26.

We do not have playground equipment made of CCA treated wood (pre-2004) — or — if we do, we apply 2 coats of waterproof stain or sealant at least once a year.

27.

Radon

27.

We have tested our facility for radon. If elevated levels of radon are found, we take action to mitigate. We have visited [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon) for resources, and have researched state requirements and guidelines to learn more.

28.

Recycling and Garbage Storage

28.

We recycle all paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic bottles.

29.

We keep our garbage covered at all times to avoid attracting pests and to minimize odors.

30.

Education and Awareness

30.

We create opportunities to educate the families we serve on eco-healthy practices.

For more information on any checklist items, visit [www.cehn.org/ehcc/resources](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/resources) or [www.cehn.org/ehcc/factsheets](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/factsheets)  
\* Visit EHCC's FAQs at [www.cehn.org/ehcc/toxfaqs](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/toxfaqs)

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 @CEHN  
 [www.pinterest.com/CEHNetwork](http://www.pinterest.com/CEHNetwork)

Eco-Healthy Child Care®

Please allow 10-15 business days for the processing of your checklist and endorsement.

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Verify your responses (both signatures required):

"The information provided on this Eco-Healthy Child Care® Endorsement Checklist is true to the best of my knowledge."

1. FACILITY OWNER OR DIRECTOR

date

2. PARENT OR NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS

date

FOR VERIFICATION • OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by (signature)

Date

Please select all that apply:

☐ We are an Early Head Start Program

☐ We are a Head Start Program

How did you hear about the EHCC endorsement? Please choose one.

☐ EHCC FaceBook page

☐ Fellow Provider

☐ Parent

☐ CCR&R Agency or Network

☐ State QRIS

☐ Eco-Healthy Online Course

☐ Conference (which one?)

☐ Other

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Provide fee and confirmation of EHCC participation

As part of EHCC quality control, a limited number of endorsed sites are randomly selected for a free site assessment: selected sites receive at least 48 hours notice. By submitting this endorsement form and payment, you also agree to a possible site assessment conducted by EHCC staff. Please visit [www.cehn.org/ehcc/onsite](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/onsite) to find out more.

By meeting the criteria outlined above, including: gathering the necessary signatures, and submitting the \$25/\$50 endorsement fee, your facility will receive the 2-year Eco-Healthy Child Care® endorsement certificate, EHCC Poster, and monthly Eco-Healthy Hot Tip emails.

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Mail form and payment to:

EHCC/CEHN  
110 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 404  
Washington DC, 20002

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Please record your facility information as you would like it to appear on your certificate:

Facility name

# licensed capacity

Street address or P.O. Box

Mailing address if different from facility address

City

State

Zip code

Contact name

Phone

Contact email

Facility website

Choose one:

☐ Family Child Care

☐ Center-based

Our facility is accredited by:

☐ AELL

☐ NAEYC

☐ NAFCC

☐ Please do not post my facility information on the website

Fees

The 2-year endorsement processing fee:

• facilities licensed to care for 1-20 children = \$25

• facilities licensed to care for 21+ children = \$50

Please indicate method of payment

☐ Enclosed is our \$25/\$50 check or money order made out to EHCC/CEHN

☐ We've paid our \$25/\$50 payment via credit card at [www.cehn.org/ehcc/payment](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc/payment)  
Name on credit card used

Renewal Incentive:

Previously-endorsed facilities that renew their endorsement on time (both checklist AND payment received by CEHN before one's current endorsement expires) may deduct \$10 from their endorsement fee. (The dates of endorsement are listed on the EHCC endorsement certificate.)

Be Eco-Healthy!

Research increasingly shows that the first years of a child's life are critical to shaping their future health and development. As a child care provider, you have the unique opportunity and responsibility to protect each young child's overall health and well-being. By reducing toxics in your facility, you may help to prevent conditions like asthma, developmental disabilities, and even some forms of cancer. It is essential that we all work together to prevent children's exposure to environmental toxics. Learn more by accessing EHCC's NEW online course here. [www.prosolutionstraining.com/ehcc](http://www.prosolutionstraining.com/ehcc)

Thank you for taking steps to make your child care program Eco-Healthy!

 [www.cehn.org/ehcc](http://www.cehn.org/ehcc)  
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# The Seneca Transit System is online! senecatransit.com

The Seneca Transit System (STS) is dedicated to providing safe, efficient and effective public transportation for all residents, employees, patrons, visitors and the general public of the Cattaraugus and Allegany Territories and surrounding communities of the Southern Tier.

The STS route connects the Irving, Gowanda, Dayton, Village of Cattaraugus, Little Valley, Salamanca and Steamburg areas. Additionally, our partnership with the Olean Area Transit System (OATS) connects us to the east. OATS serves the Salamanca, Killbuck, Vandalia, Allegany, Olean, Cuba and Oil Spring Territory. We also connect to Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to the north which serves the Buffalo Niagara Region.

STS has 23 scheduled stops from Steamburg to Irving, providing access to Nation government buildings, community and administrative services, as well as social, retail, educational and recreational hubs. As part of the regular services, STS offers flag stops, route deviations, FREE wi-fi and is wheelchair accessible.

Seneca Transit System operates Monday through Friday, 6:15 am to 9:30 pm and Saturdays 9:00am to Midnight. For more details on fares, bus passes, promotions, notifications/alerts, helpful hints and schedules, check out our new website at [senecatransit.com](http://senecatransit.com).



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# The ties that bind

*A gifted family shares their talent and knowledge to revitalize Seneca culture*  
*Caleb G. Abrams, Seneca Media. February 2019. wwReprinted from Inside Seneca Magazine.*

It is a chilly February evening on the Seneca Cattaraugus Territory and community members have gathered at the Stanley “Sully” Huff Heritage Center for a weekly art-making class led by Seneca artists/makers, teachers, and mother-daughter duo, Mary and Samantha Jacobs. It might be freezing cold outside but the energy in the Jacobs’ classroom is warm and inviting. A steady stream of women shuffle in as the class’ start time approaches. Each individual is greeted with friendly calls and smiles; most have brought some kind of food with them to share with the group. Once every-one is seated and settled Samantha, or Sam, stands and tells the group what tonight’s project will be: pointillist-style canvas paintings inspired by the elaborate floral designs traditionally featured in Haudenosaunee beadwork.



Both Mary and Sam Jacobs are award-winning, multi-medium artists whose work (ranging from ornate leather moccasins and fur-tufted mukluks to intricate, hand-beaded medallions, hats, purses, and much more) has been featured in exhibitions, art galleries, and museums across the United States and Canada. But neither of them seem particularly driven by the accolades or prestige that their work has brought about. For them their artwork and art-making is about learning, community, and sharing

what they know.

Professionally, Sam (Seneca, Turtle Clan) is a community educator with the Seneca Language and Culture Department who specializes in Haudenosaunee material culture. Her position affords her the opportunity to learn about different methods of traditional and contemporary Haudenosaunee art-making. She then brings that knowledge back to the community to share through instruction and by example. Sam explains that her job directly feeds her need to make, learn, and teach. “It’s my dream job really.” she says.



Sam’s mother, Mary (Seneca, Turtle Clan), works as a nurse at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center and spends her spare time staying involved in the community and working on her art. “I just really enjoy working with people, helping people.” Mary says with a smile. When discussing her artwork, she speaks fondly of the elders who were her first teachers, “one of the things they instilled in me was: if you learn something, share it - because it’s not just for you, it doesn’t belong to you, it’s for all of us, for everyone.” That belief in sharing what one learns is a kind of mantra for both Mary and Sam. It is at the core of their approach to learning and teaching.

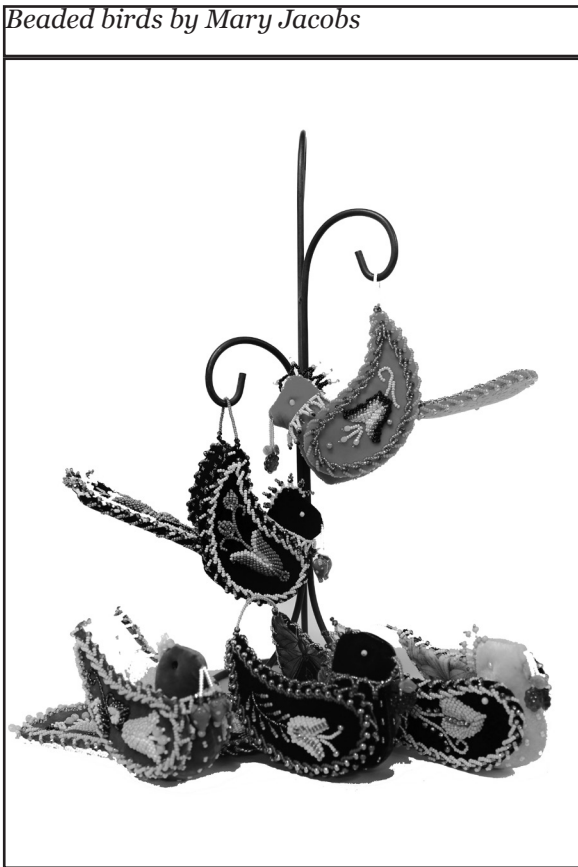
The Jacobs consider sharing what they learn from other Ögwe’ö:weh (Haudenosaunee/Indigenous) artists and makers as a kind of responsibility to the art forms themselves, as well as their fellow Senecas and neighboring Haudenosaunee communities. By sharing the techniques, patterns and methods behind the work and behind the objects, and doing so in a supportive learning environ-ment, Mary and Sam are actively helping revitalize these very practices across Haudenosaunee Country in a very meaningful way. “We’re always looking for ways to learn more and share.” Sam says. Both women describe themselves as “constantly learning” and are always willing to take a class, attend a workshop, or try their hand at something new. “It’s how you keep growing. It’s im-portant to challenge yourself.” says Sam.

Their commitment to sharing and educating people also goes beyond Haudenosaunee communities. When displaying their work at art shows or exhibitions they make a point of using the opportunity as a platform to educate attendees (both Native and non-Native) about Seneca and Haudenosaunee culture. Mary explains seemingly minor design details, patterns, or even materials often serve as entry points to larger conversations about Seneca culture, history, and identity. “We’ve had some really great conversations with people.” Mary says.

While educating people outside of Haudenosaunee communities is valuable Mary and Sam agree that young Senecas are their most important audience. Mary explains that it goes beyond the skill sets and art-making. She says the goal is to provide the youth with a grounded connection to their identity as Onöndowa’ga:’ (“People of the Great Hill”). Sam hopes that she and her mother’s work helps young Senecas “have some knowledge to fall back on and say, ‘this is who my people are, this is some of the things that we do that I’m able to share with you’. If it helps them down the road, and makes them stronger in who they are, in their personal identity, I think that’s just amaz-ing, and I think that ultimately makes for a stronger [Seneca] Nation going forward.”



Mukluk by Sam Jacobs



Beaded birds by Mary Jacobs



# National Grid Electric Collections Public Notice

**To:** Residents of the Cattaraugus and Allegany Territories  
**From:** Seneca Nation Utilities  
**Re:** National Grid collection of past due balances

National Grid has notified Seneca Utilities of its intent to begin collection efforts to recoup past due amounts owed by residential and commercial customers on the Seneca Nation Territories. National Grid has stated that they will begin with notification to customers via phone calls and letters. National Grid will request that customers make a down payment and agree to a payment plan. Customers will maintain service once a payment has been made or a payment plan has been agreed upon. It is Seneca Utilities understanding that National Grid will begin terminating services in the event that no payment or payment plan has been finalized in a timely manner. You will receive a final termination letter prior to service being shut off.

It is the customer’s responsibility to ensure that taxes are not being charged to the account. Sales Tax will be removed going forward with the inclusion of a completed New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form DTF-801 “Certificate of Indian Exemption for Certain Property or Services Delivered on a Reservation” with your payment plan agreement. Tax exempt forms should be emailed to TaxExemptUpstateNY@nationalgrid.com or you can provide it to the NGRID representative working your case.

**To make a payment or set up a payment plan, please contact National Grid’s Billing Dept., Shannon Guernsey at 315-428-6776 (residential) or Sara Zerrillo at 315-460-7032 (commercial).**

NGRID is offering the below two payment plans to customers in arrears.

- Deferred Payment Agreement**
- 10%-20% down payment (based off past 6 yr. balance)
  - 18 monthly installments (past 6 yr. balance, minus down payment, divided by 18 mo.’s)
  - NGRID will write off remaining balance (amount owed beyond 6 yrs.)

For Residential call: Shannon Guernsey at 315-428-6776  
For Commercial call: Sara Zerrillo at 315-460-7032

- Minimum Payment Agreement**
- No down payment
  - Must pay current balance plus \$10/mo.
  - Must prove low income through financial statements

**\* NGRID is only permitted to go back and charge the balance over the past six year period (under the “Deferred Payment Agreement”). The remaining balance after the six year period will be forgiven by NGRID per NYS civil law, statute of limitations. You can call the Public Service Commission at 800.342.3377 if NGRID attempts to collect more than the six year arrear balance.**

If you think you qualify for a Minimum Payment Agreement, you can either call Shannon Guernsey (315428-6776) or call NGRID’s Collections Dept. at 800.443.1837. Please contact the Seneca Nation Utilities Department at 716-532-9221 with any questions or concerns.

*Nya:wëh - Seneca Nation Utilities Department*

## Wind Turbine Discount

Are you interested in saving money and the environment?

Name:		
National Grid account number: (Feel free to call us if you need assistance)		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing Address (if different):		
Phone:		
Email:		
Tribal I.D number:		

219 Thomas Indian School Dr. Phone: 716-532-9221  
Irving, NY, 14081

E-mail: a.memmo@sni.org or  
wes.jackson@sni.org



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## Solar Array Discount

Are you interested in saving money and the environment?

Name:		
National Grid account number: (Feel free to call us if you need assistance)		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing Address (if different):		
Phone:		
Email:		
Tribal I.D number:		

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The Area Office for the Aging (AOA) is offering

Free Legal Advice and Services

Through the Center for Elder Law & Justice

For Elders 60+ residing on the Allegany & Cattaraugus Territories

Free legal advice and services are available to you from Center for Elder Law & Justice staff Attorney, F. Alexander Fehrman, Esq. He can assist in the following areas: Elder Abuse Prevention, Guardianships, Consumer Issues & Protection, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Housing, Income Maintenance, Kinship Care, Health Care Issues (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, etc...), and Social Security / SSI. **Please note** that advice and services do not extend to disputes within the Peacemakers Court. Special arrangements can be made for homebound appointments.

Appointments available:

Friday – February 28, 2020 - 10:00 to 3:00



**Cattaraugus elders** please contact Tina D. Law, Admin. Asst./Data Entry Specialist, at (716) 532-5777 ext. 5516, or by e-mail at [tina.law@sni.org](mailto:tina.law@sni.org) to schedule your appointment @ the AOA Building, 28 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY 14081.



# Seneca Nation Utilities- Natural Gas Department updates

Submitted by Anthony Giacobbe

Converting to natural gas will save customers \$1,000-\$1,500 a year vs. propane!

There will be no charge for the pipeline to be installed to residences within 200’ of road. There will be a per foot charge (approx. \$7-\$10/ft.) for residences that are further than 200’ from road.

It will be necessary to determine what appliances need to be converted to natural gas or if any new appliances will be required to be purchased. Homeowners

will need to work with a contractor and/or plumber to schedule a home visit with an outside contractor at a time that is convenient for you.


The installation of the new service will involve digging in your yard/lawn. Following the installation of the service your yard will be restored.

Buried propane tanks will need to be emptied. Buried tanks can remain in the ground or be removed at the owner’s discretion. Above ground tanks can be

removed by your current supplier.

New customers will be entered into the Seneca Nation natural gas customer pool.

Seneca Energy/Seneca Utilities will notify residents as soon as possible regarding a tentative installation timeline. If you have any questions regarding the conversion to natural gas please contact Seneca Energy Project Managers, Tony Memmo or Wes Jackson at 532-9221.



Seneca Nation Utilities  
Natural Gas Department  
219 Thomas Indian School Dr  
Irving, NY 14081

Request for Service

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that I am the Owner of the following property: \_\_\_\_\_.

Authorization

As Owner of the above-described property, I authorize the Seneca Nation and any of its partners to install a natural gas pipeline and deliver natural gas service to the residence(s) on my property (the “Project”).

Acknowledgment of Service Obligations

As Owner of this property I understand and acknowledge that, upon installation of the natural gas pipeline and delivery of natural gas service to the residence, I will be subject to Seneca Nation natural gas policies and procedures and any other applicable laws of the Seneca Nation. I understand and acknowledge that the pipeline installation will be of no charge to the Owner for the first 200ft and that there will be a charge of approximately \$7 per foot\* after the first 200ft. I understand and acknowledge that upon installation of the pipeline and start of service, I will become a natural gas customer of the Seneca Nation. As a customer, I understand and acknowledge that I will be subject to payment policies and procedures of the Seneca Nation and I understand and acknowledge that monthly service bills and all costs associated with Seneca Nation natural gas service are solely the Owner’s responsibility.

Nation ID No. \_\_\_\_\_


Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*price per foot (after the first 200ft) will be determined after bid selection



Seneca Nation Utilities  
Natural Gas Department  
219 Thomas Indian School Dr  
Irving, NY 14081

CONSENT

The undersigned, being the person(s) in lawful possession of the premises located at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and having authority to grant permission to the Seneca Nation Utilities Department and its agents to enter the above premises for the purpose(s) described below:  
**Route 438, S. Sulphur Springs Rd. and Versailles Plank Rd. natural gas distribution mainline installation**

I’m hereby granting the Seneca Nation a right of way across my property to install the proposed natural gas mainline. The right of way granted will be approximately 23’ from the centerline of the road, 36” wide and 36”- 48” deep.

Please provide a current Mailing Address (if different from above):

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Date

Landholder Signature

Office use only

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Seneca Nation Representative

## Upcoming Education Department Events Cattaraugus

**February 18 & 19**– Beaded Keychains w/ Jeannie Stevens  
5:30-7:30pm · Room 1222

**February 17-21**– JOM Activities

**March 11**– Cultural Identity Discussion Series: Gano:nyok (A Spiritual Ecosystem)  
6-8pm · Room 1222

**March 18**– Paint Night w/ Sandy Rogers  
5:30-7:30pm · Room 1222

**March 30**– Family Night  
5-8pm · CCC





# REWARD offered in Salamanca bald eagle shooting

## Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 to eligible individuals for information that significantly furthers this investigation or leads to enforcement action against the person(s) who shot a bald eagle while

it was perched in a tree along the Allegany River, off Old Route 17 in the Red House area, across the river from Herons (Cattaraugus County).

On November 20, 2019, Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife received a complaint about a large bird that was seen dead at the top of a tree along the Allegany River off Old Route 17. The use of a drone confirmed the bird was a bald eagle.

On November 26, 2019, Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife, assisted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, recovered the banded sub-adult female bald eagle carcass. Forensic examination determined the eagle’s cause of death was the result of a gunshot wound.

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Seneca Nation**

## Bingo for Books!

*Submitted by Tammy Blair*

Seneca Arts and Learning Center children, families, and friends enjoyed playing Bingo for Books!

Miss Angie Cogley read the pictures in Seneca and the children matched the pictures to win bingo. Miss Ruth Atwood helped the children choose books. Miss Connie Arena and Miss Amy Jimerson helped the children play bingo.

All of the children won many books to read with their families!

Miss Shanelle Mohawk made delicious macaroni salad and everyone enjoyed sandwiches, chips, and punch that Miss Tammy Blair prepared.

Nya:wëh to everyone who participated in SALC’s Bingo for Books!

**of Indians are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact either Special Agent Ryan Bessey with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Amherst, NY at (716) 691-3635, Conservation Manager Lawrence Becelia with the Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife at (716) 945-2779, or 1-844-FWS-TIPS (397-8477).**

Even though bald eagles are no longer listed under the Endangered Species Act, bald eagles are still federally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Maximum fines under these acts are \$15,000 and \$100,000 respectively with possible imprisonment up to one year.





# Trout Hatchery on Cattaraugus Territory

By Megan Torres, Reporter



L-R: Councillor Willam Canella, Councillor Tim Waterman, Director Greg Lay, Councillor Josh Jimerson, Councillor Angie Kennedy, Councillor John Williams Jr., Councillor Llona LeRoy, Councillor Presley Redeye, Jonathan Gill.

Seneca Fish & Wildlife in Cattaraugus now has their very own trout hatchery that specifically houses brook trout. Fish population is on a decline due to human influences and habitat loss. The brook trout is native to this area.

“It’s culturally important because the brook trout was here as long as our people have been here. It’s a true native species.” explains Cattaraugus Director, Greg Lay.



To preserve this species, the department applied for grants to fund the project. In 2016, they were rewarded “A Tribal Wildlife Grant” through US Fish & Wildlife Services and “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant” through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The hatchery consists of 5 large holding tanks that can each hold up to 500 fish. There are hatching jars which hold the eggs and when stimulated with water, it gets the eggs to hatch mimicking how the process begins as if they were directly in the creek. Once hatched, they drop into the hatching troughs. The hatchery is environmentally conscious as well. The water used in the tanks is on a recirculating system. The used water will go through a bio filter which removes the waste, making the water reusable again.

In the future, they hope to breed other declining native species such as walleye and perch.



# Gakwi:yo:h Farms receives award!



Gakwi:yo:h Farms was honored at the Seneca Diabetes Foundation Gala with the Geraldine Memmo Community Service Award for their hard work and dedication for uplifting our communities.

Nya:wëh everyone that has supported us on our journey in developing a reliable food system for the Seneca Nation!  
-Gakwi:yo:h Farms





# Seneca Fire holds Annual Installation Dinner

By Megan Torres, Reporter



Newly sworn in Officials

On January 24th, Seneca Fire held its 53rd Annual Installation Dinner. This year’s theme was “Disco” and so many attendees really dressed up for the part! The Fire Hall was literally transformed into a disco complete with the flashy lights and an illuminated dance floor. There was also a disco themed photo booth set up which was ran by Seneca Media. The evening opened up with the Invocation by Nyla Rivera, daughter of Nicole Moses. Dinner was provided by Chiavetta’s Catering.

Beginning the program was the swearing in of Executive Officers, Line Officers and Board of Directors which was done by Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk.

That night of the Installation Dinner also happened to fall on President Armstrong's birthday so before his speech, he was presented with a birthday cake complete with flaming candles with several guests shooting off confetti cannons. After the celebration of the President's birthday, he began his speech talking about how Seneca

Fire plays an important role to the Nation, "As a Nation our goal is to create vibrant and strong communities on our territories



Jayde Jimerson receiving the Linda "Soupy" Doxtator Award

and public safety is at the root of that goal. Our support services facilities exist so that our Seneca people and their families have the basic necessities of life, some place to turn for assistance and ultimately a better quality of life. The men and women of Seneca Fire Cattaraugus Territory are the gatekeepers of that promise." Speaking directly to the dedicated members of Seneca Fire, President Armstrong gave his thanks to them: "When the call comes, you answer. When the alarm sounds, you respond. You've all taken an oath to provide the community with a blanket of protection and commitment to serve and respond regardless of the situation. Each of you have put the community ahead of yourselves and for that our Nation thanks you, our people thank you, the Cattaraugus community thanks you and I thank you... May the creator always protect you as you work to keep our community safe."

The next special guest to speak was

Treasurer Matt Pagels. He started off by congratulating all of the Seneca Fire officers and members and spoke about how a community is more than just a spot on a map, it is a sense of belonging and having a bond that connects everyone to each other. He then went on to say, "When you volunteer to protect a community, you are protecting more than people and buildings, you are protecting the very spirit of what drives each of us to call this Seneca Nation home."

Every year, Seneca Fire members who have passed on are honored with a memorial plaque that is placed on the wall with other past members. New this year, family members were presented with two plaques, one for the wall and one for them to take home and display. This year four members were honored:

- Barry E. Snyder, Sr.
- Gary Nephew, Sr.
- Daniel Huff, Sr.
- Walden Gioffreda

The award presentation ended with Chief Presley Redeye giving thanks to the decorating crew then attendees were able to enjoy a fireworks display and the photo booth. Congratulations to all who were sworn in and to the award recipients!

**The following Seneca Fire members were sworn in during the awards ceremony:**

**Executive Officers**

- President - Scott Lay
- Vice President - Terry Nephew
- Treasurer - Ten-Nia Thomas
- Recording Secretary - Leigh Ann Jackson
- Financial Secretary - Nathaniel John

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EMT of the Year Stanley Francis



Rookie of the Year Seth White, Sr.



Bingo Chair - Terry Nephew  
Building Chairman - Stanley Francis  
Sergeant at Arms - Lisa Longboat  
Steward - Jaimye Kelly  
Delegates - Timothy Maude  
& Lisa Longboat

**Line Officers**

Chief - Presley Redeye  
1st Assistant Chief - Duane Carry Moccasin  
2nd Assistant Chief - Elias Redeye  
3rd Assistant Chief - Michele Redeye

**Board of Directors**

Mike General  
Joni Jackson  
Patrice John  
Nadine Pierce  
Steve Schindler

**Alternate Board of Directors**

William John IV, Joni Jackson,  
Shannon Jackson, Cheryl Pierce,  
Jennifer Maybee & Lisa Longboat

**Auxiliary Officers**

President - Heather Cooper  
Vice President - Katie Swantek  
Secretary - Jayde Jimerson

*The following individuals were  
honored with special awards for  
their hard work & dedication to the  
community:*

**Michael C. Redeye Award –  
Fireman of the Year**  
Malcom “Sonny” Wheeler

**EMT of the Year Award**  
Stanley Francis

**Rookie of the Year Award**  
Seth White, Sr.

**Above & Beyond Award**  
Evan Russels  
Matt John  
Tracy Matteson  
Zachary Militello

**Top 10 Responders**

- 1. Malcolm “Sonny” Wheeler
- 2. William John IV
- 3. Patrice John
- 4. Stanley Francis
- 5. Joni Jackson
- 6. Rory Wheeler
- 7. Matthew John
- 8. Leigh Snow
- 9. Peter Chiavetta
- 10. Seth White

**5 Years of Service**  
Patrice John, William John IV,  
Walter Wilcox

**30 Years of Service**  
Dana Maybee

**45 Years of Service**  
Doris Patterson & Rusty Doxtator

**William Warrior Award**  
Frank Boice, Collins Center Fire Co.

**Linda “Soupy” Doxtator Award**  
Jayde Jimerson

**20 Years of Service w/ Auxiliary**  
Katie Swantek

**Memorial Ceremony**  
Barry E. Snyder, Sr.  
Gary Nephew, Sr.  
Daniel Huff, Sr.  
Walden Gioffreda



The swearing in of officials



President Armstrong with his birthday cake!



*Left:  
Enjoying the photo booth fun!*

*Right:  
Councillor & Fire Chief  
Presley Redeye pictured with  
Firefighter of the Year  
& Top Responder  
Malcom "Sonny" Wheeler*





# Allegany Arrows REGISTRATION DATES For 2020 Lacrosse Season!

Submitted by Jessica Newark



All registrations will be held at the Allegany Community Center from 6-8pm. Registration fee is \$100 for cash/check and a \$3.00 fee will be added per player if paying with a credit/debit card.

- Wednesday, February 19th
- Thursday, February 27th
- Thursday, March 5th

No registration paperwork will be accepted without payment. Please bring copies of birth certificates for all players.

Right: North American Minor Lacrosse Association 2020 ALLEGANY ARROWS MASTER SCHEDULE.



DAY	DATE	TEAMS	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
Sat	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	1 pm	Allegany	Rochester	ACC
Sat	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Allegany	Tonawanda	ACC
Mon	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	P, T, N	6 pm	Allegany	Newtown green	ACC
Tues	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	6 pm	Allegany	Newtown	ACC
Sat	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Onondaga	Allegany	Tsa'
Sat	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	2 pm	Rochester	Allegany	Genesee Valley
Sat	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Tuscarora	Allegany	Tuscarora Box
Mon	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	P, T, N	6 pm	Newtown	Allegany	CCC
Tues	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	6 pm	Newtown	Allegany	CCC
Sat	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Tonawanda	Allegany	Logan Field
Mon	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	6 pm	Champion	Allegany	Healthy Zone
Weds	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	PW, B, M	6 pm	Allegany	Champion	ACC
Sat	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Allegany	Tuscarora	ACC
Thurs	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	P, T, N	6 pm	Allegany	Newtown gold	ACC
Sat	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	10 am	Allegany	Onondaga	ACC
Tues	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	P, T, N	6 pm	Newtown gold	Allegany	CCC

\*Subject to change

### PLAYOFFS

DAY	DATE	VENUE	DIVISIONS	TIME
Friday-Saturday	July 24-25	CCC/Gil Lay	P, T, N	9 am
Tues	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	CCC	PW	6 pm
Weds	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	ACC	B	6 pm
Thurs	Jly 30 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Field	M	6 pm

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAY	DATE	VENUE	DIVISIONS	TIME
Sun	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	CCC	P, T, N	9 am
Sat	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Genesee Valley	PW, B, M	10 am

## OCC SOFTBALL CAMP

We will be inside on the turf February 2020!  
Ages 10+

Saturday's  
February 15th, 22nd, 29th  
11am - 1:30pm  
Held at Tsha' Thoñ'nhes  
3370 Rt 11A Nedrow, NY  
\$20.00 a session



CONTACT INFORMATION:  
GAPRINTU@SYR.EDU  
(315) 679-7625

## 2ND ANNUAL MORRIE ABRAMS MEMORIAL SNOWSNAKE TOURNAMENT

### SATURDAY

9 AM - KIDS  
- 5 & 6 / 7 & 8 / 9 & 10 /  
11 & 12 / 13 & 14 / 15 & 16

11 AM - 3rd RATERS  
- Prize Money

MUDCATS TO FOLLOW

### SUNDAY

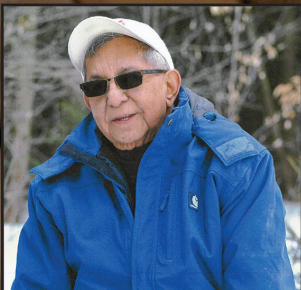
11 AM - 1st RATERS

2nd RATERS TO FOLLOW

ALL MEN'S GAMES PRIZE MONEY!  
KID'S PRIZES!

FEB 22 - 23, 2020  
N. Main and Elm St.  
Salamanca, NY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT STEVE FRANK @ 716-801-1884



(Weather Permitting)



Happy Valentine's Day! ~ February 14, 2020



# The Complicated History of the Kinzua Dam and how it Changed Life for the Seneca People

By Maria Diaz-Gonzalez | Jan. 30, 2020 | Reprinted from [www.ehn.org](http://www.ehn.org)

Nestled securely between the rolling hills of Warren County, Pennsylvania, the dam holds the river back. Behind it, the resulting Allegheny Reservoir stretches 27 miles long and 120 feet deep.

The Pittsburgh District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of the Kinzua Dam in 1965 and manages it to this day. In 1936, Congress authorized the building of the

move forward. Twenty years earlier, in the infamous St. Patrick's Day Flood, the entire Ohio River Basin had experienced catastrophic flooding. In Pittsburgh alone, water levels rose 21 feet above the usual flood level. In one day.

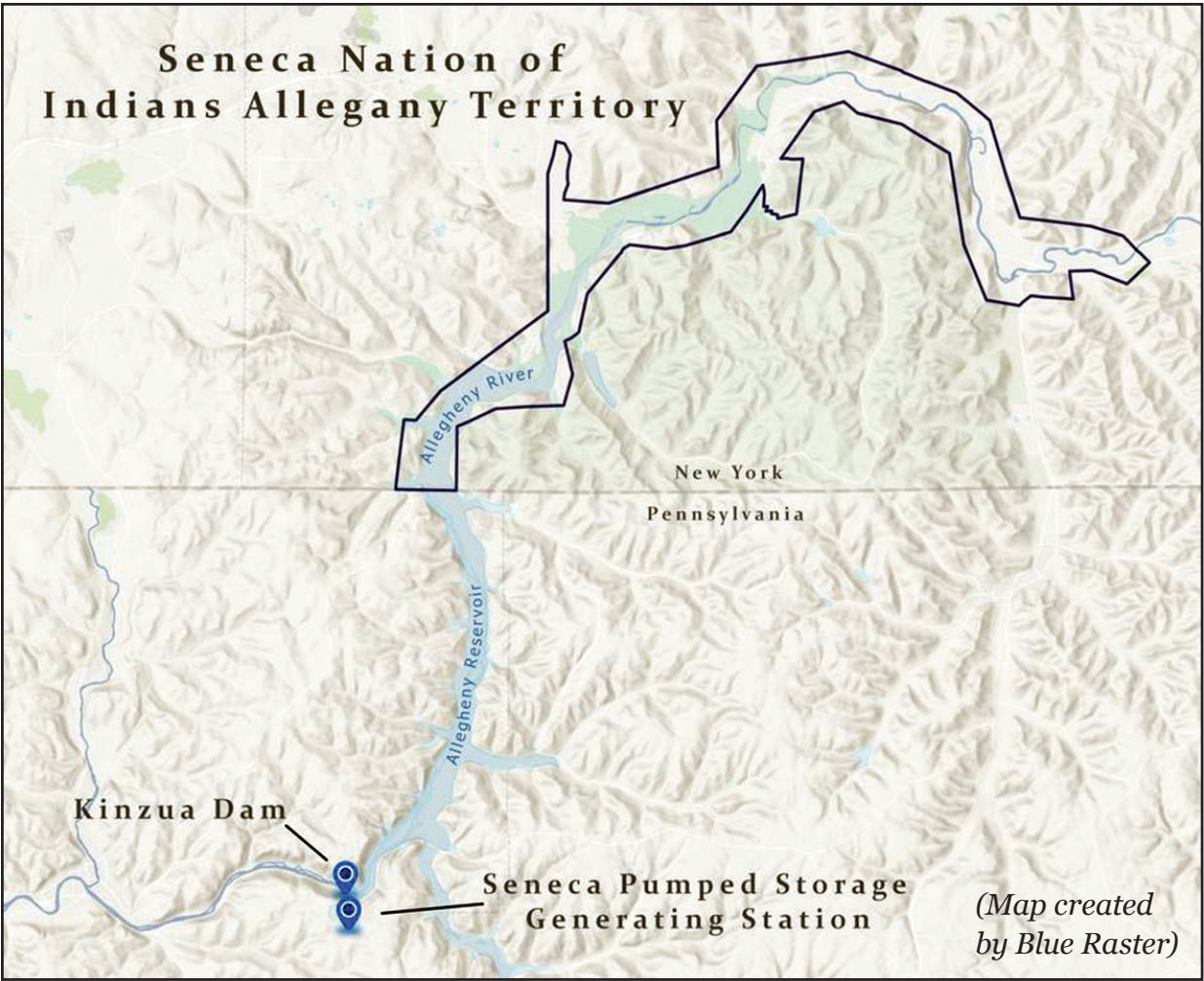
The devastation caused by the flood lent urgency to long-standing calls for a flood control project on the Allegheny River. Congress responded by passing the Flood

Dennis Bowen Sr., a Seneca survivor of Kinzua Dam, considers dam building an essential part of the federal government's post-war strategy. "Keep in mind," he says, "that, by the early 1950s, this was after World War II and the Korean War. There were a lot of white families that needed jobs, they needed industry, and those factories, those industries all across the country needed electric power. And so why not steal Indian land and build a dam and make hydroelectric power?"

In October 1956, against the Seneca Nation's wishes, the Army Corps of Engineers began surveying Allegheny Territory land in preparation for the Kinzua Dam. The proposed structure would require the flooding or condemnation of 10,000 acres of the Allegheny Territory.

Much was at stake in the Kinzua Dam challenge: losing their land would eventually cost around 600 Seneca people their homes. In the balance hung communities like Red House, New York. Bowen grew up there, on the Allegheny Territory. Red House was a small town that spanned the Allegheny River; connected by the eponymous Red House Bridge. He remembers his town as self-sufficient; its residents regularly canned vegetables, cut firewood, fished and hunted. Living there, he was happy.

Red House lay in the Kinzua Dam's "take area" — defined by the Army Corps of Engineers as any land behind the structure that fell below 1,365 feet of elevation. All of that land became subject to a flowage easement, meaning it could experience flooding due to the operations of the reservoir. Some of it is permanently inundated, (Continued on page 20)



dam as part of a system of reservoirs on the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers.

According to Rose Reilly, a biologist with the Pittsburgh District of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Kinzua Dam has two congressional purposes: flood control and water quality improvement for the Pittsburgh region.

The formidable Kinzua Dam, which protects Pittsburgh from flooding and pollution, came at a steep price for the Seneca Nation of Indians. They lost nine communities and 10,000 acres of their Allegheny Territory to the dam. Pressure from climate change, however, could threaten the protection gained from the Seneca Nation's coerced sacrifice.

In 1956, plans for the Kinzua Dam — which for the previous two decades had been vague and nebulous — began to

Control Act of 1936, which paved the way for the eventual construction of the Kinzua Dam. Fervor for the project waned for many years as the United States became embroiled in military conflict. By the mid-1950s, Congress and the Army Corps of Engineers were ready to move forward.



The Kinzua Dam spillway. (Credit: Maria Diaz-Gonzalez/PublicSource)



construction or habitation is prohibited on the rest. The Army Corps used the flowage easement to forcefully relocate the inhabitants of the take area, including those of Red House and other towns.

They then burned the towns. According to Bowen, his childhood home is the first one shown succumbing to the flames in the 2017 documentary Lake of Betrayal. Many of the markers of traditional Seneca life, like their houses, wood stoves and gardens, were consumed in such fires. The losses, both physical and intangible, reverberated across the Seneca Nation.

Stephen Gordon, a Seneca elder, grew up in a town called Coldspring, which was also within Kinzua Dam's take area. In Coldspring, he was surrounded by fluent speakers of the Seneca language. According to Gordon, his great-grandmother, Hannah Abrams, championed the continued use of their language in the home. She would say to his mother, "You leave that English language at the road. You don't bring it into this house. It isn't spoken here."

In his mother's time and in his own, the New York state public education system aggressively pushed assimilation for Native children. The education system, Gordon relates, hoped to erase his community's indigeneity. "They wanted us to become a part of the melting pot. And in order to do that, it was important that the education system drill it into us that you have to learn English, you have to learn mathematics, you have to learn history. And that your history doesn't matter," he says.

Despite this, the Seneca language persisted, especially among older adults. Many Seneca elders however, passed away in the aftermath of the condemnation and burning of their homelands. They died, Bowen stresses, of broken hearts.

The devastation nearly stifled the passing down of the Seneca language. "That was the signal," Gordon says. He describes 1964 as "the signal of change, of leaving our past behind."

With an entire world at stake — a homeland, a way of life, a language — the Seneca Nation did not want to cede its territory and launched a legal case to protect it.



*The Allegheny Reservoir, also known as Kinzua Lake, was created by the Kinzua Dam. (Credit: Maria Diaz-Gonzalez/PublicSource)*

The Seneca Nation grounded its legal defense in the Treaty of Canandaigua. The 1794 treaty affirmed a "permanent friendship" between the fledgling United States and the Hodinöhsö:ni (Iroquois Confederacy, of which the Seneca Nation was a member).

President George Washington ordered the negotiation of the treaty with the hope of preventing a military alliance between the Hodinöhsö:ni and Ohio Territory Natives, which would have posed an existential threat to the United States. The treaty established in writing the extent of the Seneca Nation's territory: an area that encompassed the entirety of western New York. It declared of the land that "the United States will never claim the same, nor disturb the Seneca Nation ... in the free use and enjoyment thereof: but it shall remain theirs, until they choose to sell the same to the people of the United States, who have the right to purchase."

Robert Odawi Porter, a lawyer and former president of the Seneca Nation, asserts that treaties with Native Nations are legally the same as treaties with international ones. They are negotiated by the president, and ratified by a two-thirds vote in the Senate. They also carry the binding force of federal law.

In 1956, the Seneca Nation believed in the words of the treaty, and in the significance of George Washington's legally binding promises. Seneca leaders asserted that their lands could not be surveyed or condemned by the Army Corps of Engineers because the Treaty of Canandaigua remained in effect. In early 1957, however, a federal court decided against them. The judge in United States v. 21,250 Acres of Land Etc. ruled that the Seneca Nation could not bar federal agents from entering its territory and could not resist the taking of its land

via eminent domain. The ruling declared that the Treaty of Canandaigua could not actually protect Seneca Nation land from seizure because it "cannot rise above the power of Congress to legislate."

Seneca leaders appealed the ruling. In doing so, they challenged centuries of racist legal precedent. The judge in United States v. 21,250 Acres of Land Etc. cited the 1903 Supreme Court Case Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock to affirm the federal government's right to expropriate treaty-protected reservation lands. The

opinion in Lone Wolf granted Congress the right to unilaterally abrogate an Indian treaty, arguing that no treaty could be interpreted to "materially limit and qualify the controlling authority of Congress ... when the necessity might be urgent for a partition and disposal of the tribal lands."

The Supreme Court leaned on racist notions about Native Americans to defend this decision. The opinion cited a passage from an earlier Supreme Court case Beecher v. Wetherby. The passage stated that in exercising its power to displace Natives, the federal government would presumably "be governed by such considerations of justice as would control a Christian people in their treatment of an ignorant and dependent race."

By 1959, these centuries-old forces closed the Seneca Nation's legal options against the Kinzua Dam.

The Seneca people offered yet another way.

In 1957, Seneca leaders hired civil engineer Arthur E. Morgan, the first chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, to explore alternate flood control solutions for the Pittsburgh region. Over the next three years, Morgan and the Seneca Nation argued in court, on television and before Congress that the Kinzua Dam was not an optimal solution to flooding in the Ohio River Basin.

Instead, Morgan put forth the Conewango-Cattaraugus Plan. In it, he proposed a diversion dam near Coldspring, New York, to divide the flow of the Allegheny River. According to a Buffalo Courier-Express newspaper article from April 10, 1960, Morgan's dam would reroute some of the river's water into two outlets: Lake Erie and Conewango (Continued on page 21)



Creek by Waterboro, New York. On its way toward Lake Erie, diverted water would fill a natural depression in Conewango Valley, forming a recreational lake.

Morgan held that the Conewango-Cattaraugus plan had several advantages over the Kinzua Dam. He contended that having Lake Erie as an outlet provided his plan with much greater water storage capacity than the dam. This would afford the Pittsburgh region increased protection from flood waters and create greater opportunities for hydropower exploration, he says. The engineer also affirmed that the lake at Conewango Valley would be far more stable than the Allegheny Reservoir, whose seasonal fluctuations would reveal several miles of "unsightly mud flats" every year.

Morgan and the Seneca Nation's efforts succeeded in delaying the construction of the dam and rallying moderate government and strong public support for their cause. Luminaries like Eleanor Roosevelt voiced support for a resolution to the region's flooding problems that could leave Seneca lands undisturbed. Johnny Cash recorded a song "As Long as the Grass Shall Grow," chronicling the battle against the Kinzua Dam. But it was not enough. In late 1957, the Corps hired engineering firm Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton [TAMS] to evaluate its plans and Morgan's proposal. TAMS concluded that the Conewango-Cattaraugus plan would be too expensive. Morgan contended that TAMS was biased in favor of the Corps because the federal agency was its biggest client.

On Oct. 22, 1960, groundbreaking for the Kinzua Dam began, promising to drown an invaluable part of the Seneca's world. The federal government has a long history of betraying Native people for American gain. In Bowen's words, "Indian people have always been the supermarket for America." At the Kinzua Dam, the Seneca Nation's loss protects the lower Allegheny valley from flooding and from the pollution of Pennsylvania's heritage industries. The Army Corps of Engineers do this by varying the amount of water in the Allegheny Reservoir: they sequester water during periods of heavy precipitation and release it during dry spells. The former prevents downstream flooding and the latter dilutes pollution in the river's water.

Dams, like people, have lifespans. According to Reilly, the Corps biologist, the buildup of sediment (siltation) defines the lifespan of a dam and reservoir system.

Doug Helman, a supervisory natural resource manager with the Pittsburgh District of the Army Corps of Engineers,

explains that when moving river water approaches a reservoir, it slows down. "And when the water slows down, then those nutrients and chemicals and silt drop down to the bottom of the river." Over the years, the buildup of such (sometimes toxic) materials can fill an entire reservoir with sediment and render it obsolete as a method of flood control. The Allegheny Reservoir is protected from siltation by its length; most of the river's sediment drops off near the reservoir's northern border in the Seneca's Allegany Territory, over 20 miles away from the Kinzua Dam.

The system however, may face mounting pressure from climate change. According to members of the Pittsburgh District Army Corps of Engineers, the region has in recent years experienced record rainfall. Helman warns that these conditions may require that the Corps release reservoir water from the Kinzua Dam at a greater rate than they would like. This would likely increase flooding downstream.

Areas upstream of, and not protected by Kinzua Dam are also affected by the changing weather. Mike Debes, a floodplain manager with the Army Corps, says the Allegheny River valley's development history is a leading cause of its flooding problems. "As more and more homes and roads and impervious structures and roads are built, more and more water is working its way into the small creeks, and more and more flooding is occurring."

The growing imperviousness of the river's floodplain, coupled with climate change, are bringing regular floods to communities that had rarely experienced them before. Those flood waters eventually find their way to the Allegheny Reservoir and Kinzua Dam, a system Reilly says is large enough to handle them, though it was built using climate data available before and during the 1960s. Debes says the education public officials and community members will need to deal with the wetter reality of the Allegheny River valley will take a lot of time. But the need is pressing. Homes, towns, communities — the very things the water now threatens — are, in Debes' words, "one of the real basic things in life."

The Kinzua Dam was built during a time in American politics known as the Termination Era: a period after World War II in which the country tried to assimilate all Native people. To this end, in 1953, Congress adopted House Concurrent Resolution 108, which called for dissolution of all Native Nations in New York, Florida, California and Texas as well as other nations it

specifically named from other states.

The resolution sought to "make the Indians within the territorial limits of the United States subject to the same laws and entitled to the same privileges and responsibilities as are applicable to other citizens of the United States." Subjecting Natives to the "same laws" as other American citizens in effect dissolves their governments, institutions and land holdings. In essence, the resolution meant to terminate Native Nations as sovereign, culturally distinct entities. Seneca people fought against the Kinzua Dam while the federal government held the position that their entire nation should cease to exist. Even the settlement act that the Seneca Nation negotiated with Congress in 1964, which secured funds for the relocation and rehabilitation of Seneca communities, demanded that the Seneca Nation submit a plan for its own termination by 1967.

The Seneca Nation was not terminated. Gordon explains that his people always consider seven generations. "The way it was explained to me," he says, "it represents that first generation that we never saw ... and the seventh generation, we will not see." In other words, the first of those seven generations is one's great-great grandparents, and the last is one's great-great grandchildren. According to Caleb Abrams, a young Seneca filmmaker, Seneca leaders used the settlement funds to create a foundation for their future generations by building robust infrastructure, education and social programs.

The Allegany Territory is a site of resurgence. "I feel like I've noticed a ... growing movement across Indian Country in Native communities all across Turtle Island — North America, as they call it," says Abrams, "where indigenous people of all ages are taking steps to reclaim language and various cultural practices and integrate these things ... into their everyday life."

Gordon has been witnessing a revival of Seneca culture among the nation's young people: "More of the children want to know who they are ... a lot of our children, if you go to ceremony, you'll see that three-quarters of those in attendance are children."

The Seneca Nation has strengthened so as to never lose a part of itself again — for this generation and countless after.



Source: <https://www.ehn.org/seneca-nation-kinzua-dam-2644943791.html?rebelltitem=1#rebelltitem1>



# New Center for Indigenous Cancer Research at Roswell Park has Regional Focus, Global Reach

*Effort led by Seneca researcher Dr. Rodney Haring will address cancer health disparities through collaboration*  
*Reprinted from [www.roswellpark.org](http://www.roswellpark.org) | Feb. 4, 2020*



*L to R: Dr. Rodney Haring, PhD, MSW, Director; Josie Raphaelito, MPH, Research Project Coordinator; William Maybee, Community Relations Coordinator; Whitney Ann Henry, Clinical Research Associate*

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Growing up on the Seneca Nation in Western New York, Rodney Haring, PhD, MSW, learned the concept of “The Good Mind” largely from the matrilineal voices in his community. He calls this philosophy, which is one of the shaping principles of the Haudenosaunee people, “a strength from awareness of purpose, thoughts and actions towards well-being.”

“These lessons taught me that every situation you’re in, you do your best to leave the encounter with a handshake or a nod,” Dr. Haring says, “because you don’t know what the next hour, day or year will bring.”

Now he is building that philosophy into the work of the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center – the first initiative of its kind in the Northeast, dedicated to reducing cancer’s impact on Indigenous communities regionally, nationally and internationally.

Working with partner across North America, center staff will coordinate educational events, host health screenings, conduct research and develop action plans to address not only health disparities but larger issues that impact wellness, such as humans’ relationship to the environment. Dr. Haring, who leads the new center as Director, highlights what can be gained from applying lessons from both academic medicine and Indigenous knowledge.

“The creation of this center, which will be inspired by Indigenous knowledge and ancestral wisdom, is historic and monumental,” he says. “Roswell Park’s Center for Indigenous Cancer Research will not only advance cutting-edge cancer research to, for and with Indigenous populations, it will lead to translatable science, medicine and cancer care for Indigenous territories, Nations and populations worldwide. And through our focus on educational opportunities, the center will expand Roswell Park’s values of

commitment, hope, respect and inspiration for generations to come.”

“The Center for Indigenous Cancer Research will tackle some of the most persistent challenges in health equity, applying a unique set of resources to improve the lives of people both near and far,” says Candace S. Johnson, PhD, President & CEO and M&T Bank Presidential Chair in Leadership at Roswell Park. “We’re so proud of Dr. Haring and all he and his team have accomplished, and deeply grateful to all the partners and ambassadors who will help us to do this important work.”

“The Seneca Nation appreciates the work that Roswell Park and Dr. Haring are conducting in Native communities to ensure that comprehensive cancer care addresses the unique circumstances of Native communities when dealing with cancer, including prevention education,” says Seneca Nation President Rickey L. Armstrong Sr. “We look forward to our continued collaborative relationship with Dr. Haring and Roswell Park.”

Roswell Park has collaborated with several sovereign nations, including the Seneca and Tuscarora, and is now extending these efforts well beyond Western New York. Dr. Haring and colleagues have initiated collaborations with two ancestrally related tribes, the St. Regis Mohawk in north-central New York State and the Kahnawake Mohawk territory near Montreal, Quebec, working with tribal leaders, health-delivery teams and rural providers to conduct roundtable discussions focused on cancer care quality improvement, research and envisioning future

projects.

“One of our goals is to ensure a culturally attuned cancer care continuum from prevention through to survivorship and palliative care,” says Dr. Haring. “That’s really important in a community where we see disparities in many cancers as well as co-occurring conditions affecting Indigenous communities. We also will work to improve education about cancer screening and clinical trials, and we won’t do this work alone. Collaboration will be a hallmark of this center and will be built into everything we do.”

The center fulfills some of the benchmarks established through Roswell Park’s 2016 collaborative agreement with the Indian Health Service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, another first-of-its-kind initiative focused on health care, cancer prevention, facilitation of research and expansion of career and educational opportunities.

The center’s work is being led by Dr. Haring along with an intertribal Community Advisory Board and three additional dedicated staff members: Whitney Ann Henry (Tuscarora), Clinical Research Associate; William Maybee (Seneca), Community Relations Coordinator; and Josie Raphaelito, MPH (Dine/Navajo), Research Project Coordinator. Key to its efforts will be partnerships with Indigenous communities across North America, including ongoing interactions with Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

Since he joined the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement within Roswell (Continued on page 23)



# Ja:goh Lee Max Redeye

*Congratulations to Lee Max Redeye of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP for winning NYSBA's Empire State Counsel Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteer of 2019!*

Below is what Mr. Redeye had to say about his recent achievement:



*"Two attorneys in the entire State of New York are recognized each year for their pro bono work. This year, I was fortunate enough to be one of them for my work in starting the Native American Legal Assistance Clinic, the first of its kind in WNY!"*

*When I started the clinic, it wasn't because I wanted accolades or recognition. I simply wanted to use my education to make a difference in Native lives. So far, the clinic has been a success and I look forward to growing the clinic in order to serve as many people as possible."*



NEW CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH

Park’s Department of Cancer Prevention and Control in 2015, Dr. Haring and colleagues have earned more than \$2.1 million toward initiatives in Indigenous communities from the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Aetna

Foundation, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and Roswell Park Alliance Foundation.

The team has built an international collaborative research network with Indigenous researchers from

as far away as Norway, New Zealand and Pacific Island Nations. Their work has been marked by extensive collaboration on outreach and prevention initiatives in both Native urban settings and rural Indigenous territories, and has helped create learning and

internship opportunities for Indigenous high school and college students.

Source: <https://www.roswellpark.org/newsroom/202002-new-center-indigenous-cancer-research-roswell-park-has-regional-focus-global-reach>



## News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory  
Pastor – Rev. David Rood | 941-5703, [dgrood62@yahoo.com](mailto:dgrood62@yahoo.com)  
*Submitted by Marilyn Anderson*

February is here and Valentine's Day celebrates love!! We can celebrate love every day of the year, not just on February 14. Throughout the Bible we learn about genuine love. In 1 Corinthians, Ch. 13, v. 4-7 we read:

**"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."**

These are good words to guide us through all our relationships - parents, children, friends, spouses, etc.

The Easter season begins on Saturday 2/22. Four Corners will be hosting our annual

"ReLENTless" activity event. This is a time when we learn about the meaning of Lent and Easter. The event will be held from 10am-12:30pm in the church hall. Children and adults are invited to join us to learn and to make crafts and enjoy lunch.

Curious about the Seneca Hymn Singers? Thinking about joining? For more information about the Hymn Singers, contact Janet "Beeda" Parker at 532-2478 or Terry Thompson at 725-4328.

Everyone is invited to join us at Four Corners on Sunday mornings at 8:30am for coffee and light refreshments followed at 9am for our worship service. The service is filled with music and word that will bring joy to your life. Feel free to contact Pastor Rood by phone (941-5703) or email ([dgrood62@yahoo.com](mailto:dgrood62@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions about the church or if you need spiritual guidance. Peace be with you.

# Ja:goh Zaya Maybee

## Walsh Homecoming Queen!

Archbishop Walsh Academy recently hosted its Winter Homecoming-Dance at the school. This year's king and queen are seniors Matthew Kirkwood and Zaya Maybee. Ja:goh, Zaya!





# Rural High School earns National Recognition for STEM Excellence

Submitted by Kimberly Cian, Education Dept. Native American Social Worker

Salamanca High School has been called many things since it unveiled its award-winning Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) program: focus school, groundbreaker, pathway district.

Now it can add a new label: national STEM Excellence.

Salamanca, a rural school facing generation poverty and connectivity concerns and located on the southern edge of the indigenous territory of Seneca Nation of Indians, was named a national school of STEM Excellence on Friday by the International FETC Conference.

First awarded in 2015, the STEM Excellence Award is designed to highlight a school’s interdisciplinary approach to STEAM education, demonstrating the effective integration of science, technology, engineering, art, and math into authentic learning opportunities for students.

“Schools that provide high-quality STEM learning opportunities are truly living out the vision of what a 21st-century education should be, which is why we seek to highlight some of the nation’s most outstanding programs through the STEM Excellence Awards,” said Jennifer Womble, program chair of FETC.

Just three high schools in the US and Canada earned the distinction, and Salamanca High School is the only NY winner since the award’s inception. “It is very rewarding to be recognized at this level for the work our teachers and administrators have invested in creating dynamic and focused learning experiences for our students, said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mark Beehler, “It is equally as rewarding to see our students engaged in meaningful work and excel academically.”

The Salamanca STEAM program has been closely watched since its inception 5 years ago. The initiative was conceived as a partnership between the District leadership, teachers of Salamanca, and the larger STEM professional community.

“Our collective journey into the 21st century and STEAM programming began with a realization that our educational platform must keep pace with the

changing technological environment, noted Salamanca Superintendent, Robert Breidenstein.

Salamanca high school, meanwhile, initially helped start “silo” STEAM programs to generate awareness among the faculty and excitement from the student community.

“At the beginning of the program we were all silos, commented business teacher and Part 107 drones instructor, Kim Dry, “we incorporated our knowledge, technology, and creativity all for the benefit of our kids.”

The district provides supplemental staff and specialized funding to the school. “After the initial success with individual programs we deliberately put actions into place to merge the programs, share resources, and practice integration,” commented Beehler.

As the team presented their 5-year journey at the FETC conference, STEM and Adult Education Coordinator, Aaron Straus, emphasized that STEM and STEAM are far more than just anagram of the subjects; “The STEAM initiative is part of larger, ongoing efforts to reach beyond the four walls of the school disciplines and engage the swaths of workforce connections that encompasses its borders. We use 3D printing for research projects in the history classrooms, AR/VR technology for Earth Science labs and Circuits in ELA class.”

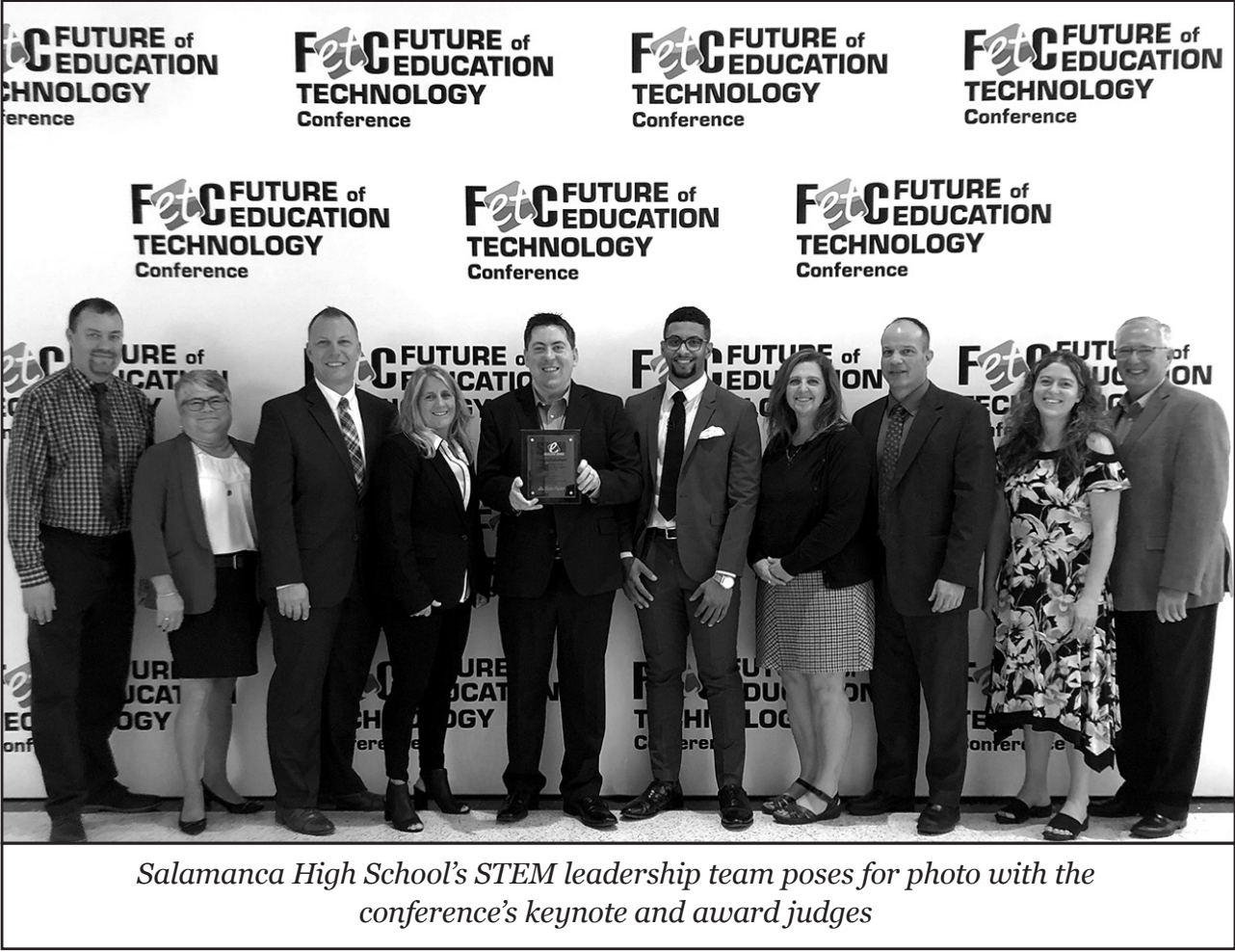
Academy-style dual-enrollment STEM

credits, competitions and cross-curricular collaboration between the individual subjects create a seamless transition from secondary to post-secondary education.

“So many disciplines are drawn into STEAM programs like First Robotics,” commented Science teacher and robotics coach, Cheryl Johnson, “If students don’t want to build, code needs to be written. Wires need to be cut and crimped. A student from our business department is in charge of our finances and ordering all inventory. A writer is needed to journal our entire process in our engineer notebook. Our Math and Physics department helps with the layered calculations. We have a student team entirely devoted to design and branding.

“This engagement translates in to students doing better in other academic areas, said high school principal, Christopher Siebert.

The FETC Conference is on its 40th year and brings together teachers, businesses” and industry partners to serve schools from across the northern continent. “The recognition of Salamanca’s STEAM program by FETC is not only a wonderful acknowledgment of the dedication of students, staff, advisers and business partners, it is also an indication that together we are moving closer to our vision of developing a quality STEAM ecosystem, right here in Salamanca,” said Straus.



*Salamanca High School’s STEM leadership team poses for photo with the conference’s keynote and award judges*



*Submitted by Robin Crouse, Health Educator, LRJHC*

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# Employee Spotlight



**Kelsey Lay** is an outreach social worker for the Behavioral Health Unit and for the SNI Peacemaker’s Court. Her office is

located at the Community Health and Wellness Center but she travels between both territories. She has worked for the health system for 1 year.

We asked her the following questions:

What do you like best about your job at SNHS? “The best part about my job here within the SNI/SNHS is that I get to help people in our community heal and get back on their right paths.”

Where did you grow up? “Newtown, Cattaraugus Territory.”

What college did you attend? “Hilbert College & the University of Southern California.”

What degree did you earn and in what field? “Hilbert-bachelor of science in human services; USC-masters of social work. I also have my CASAC (credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor).”

What do you like to do in your spare time? “I like going to the gym, traveling, hanging out with my children and going shopping.”

We asked her “tell something interesting or extraordinary about yourself that you would like people to know.” She said “I enjoy being very involved in my community! I currently sit on the SNI Foster Care Licensing Committee. I am also the secretary for the Newtown Minor Lacrosse Association.”

Thank you Kelsey for sharing some of your background with us!



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 2020		<div>* Allegany Events are in Red</div> <div>* Cattaraugus Events are in Purple</div> <div>* Both Locations are in Blue</div>	<div>*Activities may be subject to change without prior notification.</div>		
	3	4	5 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting	6 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room	7
	10	11	12 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting Valentine's Day Party w/ Child & Family Services 3:30-5:30 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room	13 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm.	14 
	17	18 FEP Indoor Beach Party 5-7 p.m. CHWC Grand Room	19 Heart Health Day 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Allegany Community Center Honoring the Gift of Heart Health 10-11 a.m. AOA Bldg. LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting	20 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm. SSI/SSD Assistance w/Steve Patrick at LRJHC BHU, Appt. required LIFE Group 5-6 p.m. LRJHC Wellness Room FEP Indoor Beach Party 5-7 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room	21
	24	25	26 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting	27 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm.	28

Wednesday, February 19th

10:00 AM—1:00 PM

at the Allegany Community Center

10:00Registration

10:30Walk/Run

11:30Zumba 1/2 hour session

12:00Zumba 1/2 hour session

Also Visit the Information Tables and Get Your Blood Pressure Checked!!

Oatmeal & White Corn Meal Bar

Nutrition Information

Smoking Information

Exercise Information

Aroma Therapy

Being Healthier Means Lessening Your Chances of Having Heart Problems. Future Generations are Counting On You!

Make Your Choice for Change!!

For more information contact Robin Crouse, LRJHC, 945-5894

Sponsored by LRJHC, Allegany Community Center & SNI Education

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

NATIVEconnections

Honor your journey.

Indoor Beach Party!

Beat those winter blues with an indoor BEACH PARTY! Get creative with some sand art or take your chances at the limbo competition. Snap a selfie at the photo backdrop and make sure to wear your Hawaiian shirt! Enter for your chance to win our raffle prize and enjoy refreshments while supplies last.

Date: Tuesday, February 18th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: CHWC Grand Room

36 Thomas Indian School Drive

Irving, NY

RSVP

Call any prevention specialist to RSVP!

716.532.5583

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Date: Thursday, February 20th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: LRJHC Grand Room

987 R.C. Hoag Drive

Salamanca, NY

RSVP

Call any prevention specialist to RSVP!

716.945.9001



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ARTHUR HILL**  
Administrator: Lisa Powless,  
8004 Old Route 17, Salamanca, NY 14779  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

**ESTATE OF SHARON JIMERSON**  
Executor: Ina Locke,  
1999 Richardson Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

**ESTATE OF SIDNEY A. THOMPSON**  
Administrator: Elaine J. Thompson,  
1628 Bush Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

**ESTATE OF JOANNE MAYBEE WILLIAMS**  
Executor: Clayton Seneca, Jr.,  
13149 Route 438, Gowanda, NY 14070  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM WATERMAN**  
Executor: Wayne Jones,  
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~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

**Seneca Nation of Indians  
SURROGATE’S COURT,  
Cattaraugus & Allegany Territory**

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that all persons having claims against the decedents are required to file them with the appropriate Surrogate’s Court, at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Territory. You are also required to mail or deliver a copy to the Administrator/Executor. This notice shall serve to notify creditors that they have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the first publication of the notice to present their claims to the Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Next Newsletter DEADLINE:

Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Next issue to be dated February 28, 2020

WEB: [sninews@sni.org](mailto:sninews@sni.org)

Off Territory Addiction  
Recovery Group

Sparks of Hope at 107 Main St., Hamburg, NY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 7pm: Sparks of Hope for Families.  
For other meetings and info call: 548.2284 or  
email: [sparksofhope2017@gmail.com](mailto:sparksofhope2017@gmail.com)

The Next Import  
Export Meeting:

When: February 26, 2020 | Time: 11am  
Where: Cattaraugus Council Chambers  
Conference Room at the William Seneca Bldg.



The Cattaraugus Community Center Presents

**Dr. Seuss  
Birthday Dinner**

Come to the MPR to play  
From 3 til 6 on March 1st is the day  
Wear a costume or hat,  
Eat a snack, and chat,  
The Cat in the hat is back!

Dress as your Favorite Dr. Seuss character  
Top 3 Best dressed characters win a prize!

For more info call Tina Square at 716-532-8450 or email [tina.square@sni.org](mailto:tina.square@sni.org)

IBA 60th Annual Spring Singles  
Tournament  
April 4, 2020

Where: AMF Strike N Spare  
1777 Brewerton Rd., Syracuse, NY 13211

Banquet: Comfort Inn & Suites  
6701 Buckle Rd., Syracuse, NY 13212

Cost: \$40 (Guest is \$30)  
Application Deadline is  
March 14, 2020  
Contact Sherry Dowdy for applications





Cattaraugus Community Center

YOUTH  
ACTIVITY WEEK

February 17 through 21  
9am to 3pm

Kids will participate in various activities within the CCC  
Sports ■ Crafts ■ Skating


20 Spots Available Per Group

For More Info Contact  
Kingsley Nephew at  
532-8450

3 Age Groups

5-7  
8-10  
11-13

Register at the  
Front Desk



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GAMES 2020  
HALIFAX • NOVA SCOTIA

2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule  
For Cattaraugus-Allegany NAIG Participants

Meetings held every 2nd Sunday of the month

Where: CCC MPR | Time: 6pm

Dates:  
March 8th  
April 12th  
May 10th  
June 14th  
July 12th


All are welcome to attend to stay up to date on reminders, updates, payment schedules and fundraisers for those athletes traveling to Halifax, Nova Scotia July 11th-19th, 2020.

REMINDER:  
First half of registration fee is \$115 and is due at the next meeting for those still needing to pay.

ACC Warrior Fit Boot Camp  
w/Brad Poole

\$80 for 12 sessions

For more information,  
contact the ACC at  
(716) 945-8119.



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of address!

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716-532-4900 or email us at  
sninews@sni.org

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Valentine's  
- DAY -

PERSONALS

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Gwanoö hgwa'!

Saso:d Lori, Ya'nih and Yano'së h Matthew

(Submitted by Lorelei Waterman)

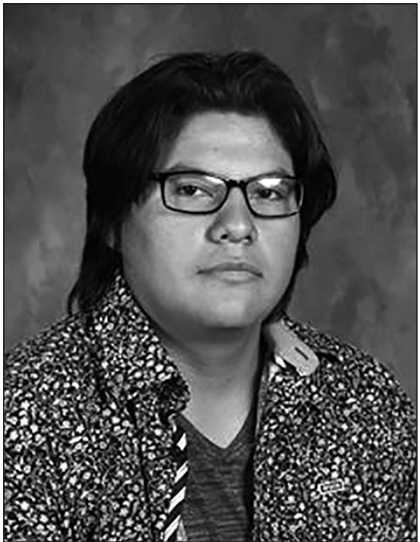


Ja:goh Jarod White!

Salamanca High School Warrior of  
the Month

Congratulations to Jarod (11th Grade) for being nominated as one of December Warriors' of the Month!

Jarod is a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball team. He is an exceptional athlete that conducts himself with great integrity and pride. Jarod gives his best in everything he does, whether it be in the classroom, on the practice court or in games.



He is an incredibly hard worker, a great young man a positive example for all athletes in our district. The first Warrior of the Month for December is Jarod White!



Calendar  
of EVENTS

The remainder of  
February  
2020

Feel free to contribute your events, classes or meetings to [sninews@sni.org](mailto:sninews@sni.org). **Nya:wëh.**

Allegany Territory		Cattaraugus Territory	
<b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Card Games 3pm - (ACC): Zumba Tone 9:15am, Pickle Ball Tournament - All Day - (S-REC): Center Open 7:30am-6pm		<b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 9am, Puzzles 11am, Beading 2pm, Movie & Snacks 4pm - (CCC): Valentine's Day Dance 12 &up 6-9pm, Cornhole League 7pm - (C-LIB): Coffee Club 10am, Valentine's Day Bake Sale 11am	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Coloring 1pm, Scrabble 3pm, Card Games 5pm - (ACC): Pickle Ball Tournament - All Day - (S-REC): Open Gym 11am-5pm		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 2pm, Movie & Snacks 5pm - (CCC): Snowsnake Tournament 9am, Western Door Hockey 10am	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Dart Challenge 3pm, Card Games 5pm - (S-REC): Open Gym 11am-5pm		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 12pm, Beading 2pm, Movie & Snacks 3pm, Sewing 4pm - (CCC): Layups w/ the Legends Tournament 8am, Snowsnake Tournament 11am, Co-Ed Youth Bball Practice 9am, Hockey Agility Training 11am	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Go for Life 11am, Tea Time 1pm, Scrabble 3pm, Puzzles 5pm - (ACC): Yoga 11am, Zumba Tone 6pm, Water Aerobics 6pm, Adult Volleyball League 6pm, Pickleball Singles League 6pm, Youth Basketball League 6pm - (S-REC): Swimming @ the ACC 1-3pm		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 9am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 2pm, Potluck & Bingo 4-8pm - (CCC): Youth Activity Week 9am-3pm, Parisi Total Conditioning 5pm, Western Door Hockey 6pm - (C-LIB): Ps4 available for kids during Mid-Winter Break - <b>Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting @</b> American Legion Post 1587 8pm, call 532.8456 for info.	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Potluck & Bingo 1pm, Scrabble 3pm, Card Games 5pm - (ACC): Pickle Ball 9:30am-12pm, EZ Fitness 11am, Family Fitness 5:30pm, Youth Basketball League 6pm - (S-REC): Winter Break Activities		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Sewing 9am, Puzzles 11am, Beading 2pm, Sewing/Snacks 4pm - (CCC): Youth Activity Week 9am-3pm, Parisi Total Performance Ages 7-11 5pm & Ages 12-15 6pm, Co-Ed Youth Basketball Games 5-6:30pm	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Language 10am, Easter Card Making 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Scrabble 3pm, Card Games 5pm - (ACC): Zumba Tone 9:15am, Water Aerobics 9:30am, Yoga 11am, Water Aerobics 6pm, Men's Basketball League 6pm, Youth Basketball League 6pm - (S-REC): Winter Break Activity @ SN Museum 1-3pm - Recovery on the Rez ( <b>FMC Basement</b> ) 7:30-9pm		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Cards 9am, Pool 11am, Seasonal Craft 1pm, Sewing 4pm - (CCC): Youth Activity Week 9am-3pm, Parisi Total Conditioning 5-6pm, 3v3 Minor Mayhem Lax @ Gil Lay 6pm, Hockey Agility Training 8pm, Zumba w/Corbett 6:30pm - (C-LIB): Adult/Teen Craft Night 5pm	
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Lunch 11:45am-12:30pm, Bingo 1pm, Scrabble 3pm, Puzzles 5pm - (ACC): Pickle Ball 9:30am-12pm, EZ Fitness 11am, Family Fitness 5:30pm, Youth Basketball League 6pm, Lax Practice- Peanuts 6pm & Tykes 7pm - (S-REC): Winter Break Activity @ SN Library 1:30-3pm		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 9am, Puzzles 11am, Bingo 1pm, Sewing 4pm - (CCC): Youth Activity Week 9am-3pm, Parisi Total Performance Ages 7-11 5pm & Ages 12-15 6pm, Jr. Ball Hockey @ Gil Lay 6pm	

Don't forget to check us out on the WEB: [www.sninews.org](http://www.sninews.org)

<b>ACC</b> = Allegany Community Center	<b>CCC</b> = Cattaraugus Community Center	<b>A-LIB</b> = Allegany Library	<b>C-LIB</b> = Catt. Library	<b>A-ELDERS</b> = Seneca Allegany Elders Center	<b>S-REC</b> = Steamburg Recreation Department	<b>WINI K</b> = Wini Kettle Elder Center	<b>C-EDU</b> = Catt. Education	<b>NRAG</b> = Native Roots Artists Guild	<b>FMC</b> = Free Methodist Church	<b>WSB</b> = William Seneca Building
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Visit [www.cattarauguscommunitycenter.com](http://www.cattarauguscommunitycenter.com)  
for more CCC events and information!





# SNI, Great Valley officials address Kill Buck sewer project confusion

By Kellen M. Quigley | Olean Times Herald | Feb 7, 2020

SALAMANCA — The Seneca Nation has responded to comments made at a recent Great Valley Town Board meeting regarding the proposed sewer district in Kill Buck, calling the town supervisor’s comments on the Nation’s position “off-base” and “insulting.”

The town board recently received an update from the town engineer and engineering consultant regarding a potential sewer project in the hamlet of Kill Buck.

It was reported that the project could not cover all of Kill Buck due to a grant for the project study not applying to the portion of the hamlet located on the Seneca Nation Territory.

At the meeting, Town Supervisor Dan Brown said, “It’s just unfortunate that the Seneca Nation and the city of Salamanca won’t work with us to create a district to cover it all. It not only benefits the Seneca Nation but the town and the earth.”

Seneca Nation President Rickey Armstrong Sr. took strong exception to any insinuation that the Nation was being uncooperative.

“The reality is that our engineers met with town and county officials about a possible new sewer district a few years ago,” he said in a statement.

Brown said that on June 6, 2018, city of Salamanca and the Seneca Nation officials came to the town of Great Valley to put together a plan to try to alleviate the sewage problem.

“Everyone was in agreement that there is a problem through that corridor and it needs to be addressed,” Brown said.

He added the Cattaraugus County Health Department also attended that meeting and is aware of the sewage problems.

As a federally recognized Indian nation, President Armstrong said the Seneca Nation receives and is eligible for funding to address and maintain sewer needs on its territories. By federal regulation, those funds cannot extend off Nation territory and must be deployed for the sole benefit of Seneca Nation members.

Brown said Armstrong is correct that the town’s study for the project and a study on the territory would have been done separately due to separate funding sources. He said the

study amounts to counting the number of homes, the number of residents and the number of gallons of sewage that would be created from that area.

“If the Nation could do that, then the Great Valley plan on the north side of 417 and their plan on the south side of 417 could be put together, and then an agreement between the city and the Nation would have to be made,” Brown explained.

Additionally, Brown said he misspoke when saying Salamanca would not work with the town. He instead meant an agreement between the city and Nation has to happen to cover the parts of Kill Buck on Seneca Territory in order for a project to cover the entire district.

“The city has worked very well with the town, and Dennis Hensel (Salamanca BPU General Manager) bent over backward helping the plan, helping the design and helping the town engineers,” Brown said. “The city has the capacity to take the sewage from Kill Buck, and that was the city of Salamanca working with the



town.”  
In his statement, Armstrong said the proposal would have been inordinately expensive for the Nation and its members who live in the Sullivan Hollow area of Kill Buck because of the drastically increased sewer fees that would have been imposed on its residents.

“We can address the current and future needs on our territory in other ways without exposing our members to higher sewer fees in perpetuity,” he said.

Brown said the current plan for a system does not extend to the Sullivan Hollow area, with the sewer line ending in the Hardscrabble Road area. However, he said a water line from Salamanca could extend up to Sullivan Hollow, but that system also needs to be redone. “The line needs to be upgraded very badly,” Brown said. “If we do this all together, then every problem can be addressed and managed.”

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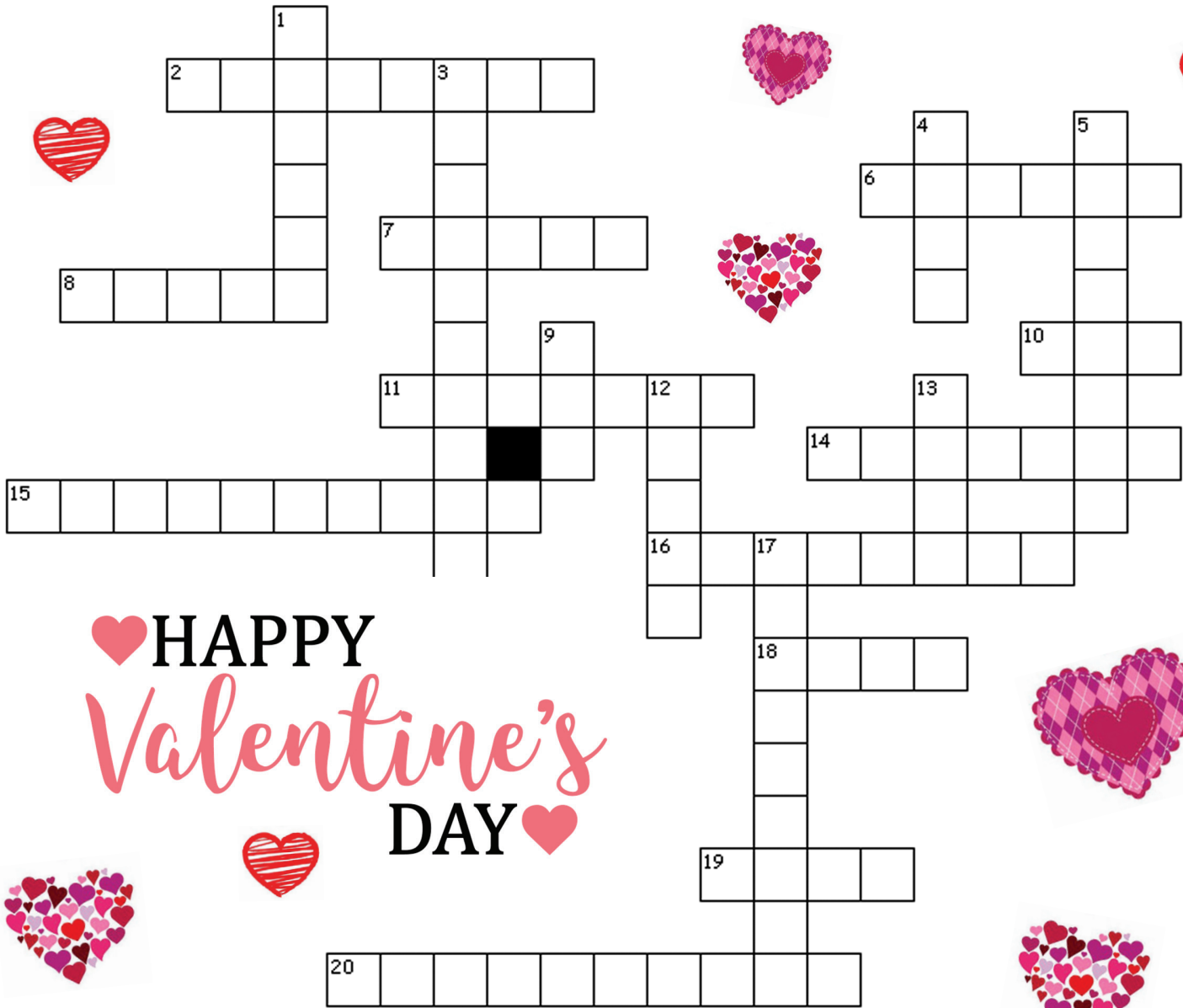
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- Across
- 2. Will you marry me?
  - 6. Grab a bite to eat
  - 7. Move to the beat
  - 8. Find them in the mailbox
  - 10. Wrap your arms around someone
  - 11. Gifts you can wear
  - 14. A pretty bouquet
  - 15. Term of Endearment
  - 16. Put a stamp on it
  - 18. I \_\_\_\_ You!
  - 19. Pucker up!
  - 20. "Life is like a box of \_\_\_\_"

- Down
- 1. Catch a show on the big screen
  - 3. Dip them in chocolate
  - 4. Not Quite Red
  - 5. 14th of \_\_\_\_
  - 9. \_\_\_\_ Roses
  - 12. By then by the dozen
  - 13. Hugs & Kisses
  - 17. "Be My \_\_\_\_"

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